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Let's go and see everyone.



*Our friends are coming.
Get ready for the party!*

Materials and Tools

Below are the essential items needed to create the amigurumi characters in this book.

If you cannot find the exact same items, ask for alternative recommendations from your favorite crochet store.



Crochet yarn

Recommended yarn should be 100% acrylic, super-fine, or fingering. This is for crocheting each body part or embroidering the facial feature, except the mouth where you should use embroidery floss.



Synthetic cotton

Recommended cotton should be 100% polyester for handcraft-use. This is used to stuff in the body of amigurumi characters.



Eyes and nose components

Both components have two types—button or stem. For the eyes, you can choose either solid or transparent eyes, depending on the kind of facial expression you want to use for your projects.



Crochet hook

A 2.50 mm crochet hook is used in this book.



Needle

A wool needle is used for binding or whip stitching. An embroidery needle is used for stitching the mouth and the nose on the faces of the characters.



Row-counting ring

The row-counting ring is a really useful tool for checking and confirming the numbers of stitches and rows.



Embroidery floss

This is generally used for adding the mouth and the nose on the faces of the characters. This super-fine yarn is suitable for giving a more delicate touch to the facial expressions.



Scissors

Small, light-weight ones are more comfortable to handle since they are mostly used for cutting yarn.



Nippers

The stems of the eyes or the noses are sometimes a little too long for your creation. In such cases, use a pair of nippers to adjust the length.



Glue

Glue is mostly used for attaching eye parts on the face of characters.



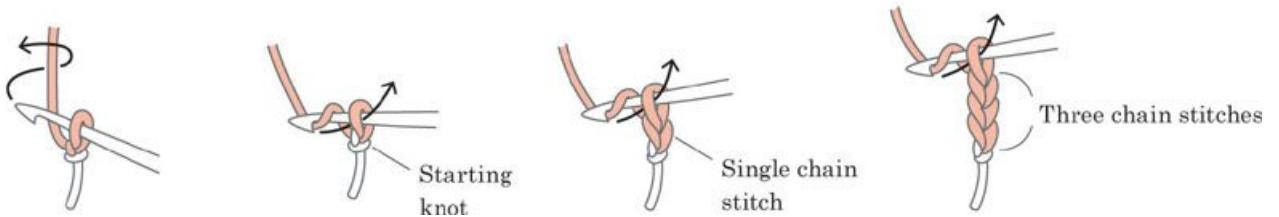
Stick


This is used for stuffing cotton into the body and head of characters. You can alternatively use an old ballpoint pen.

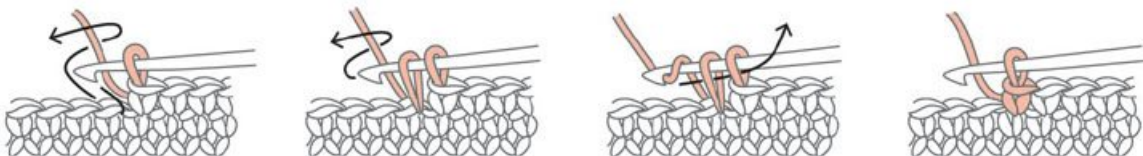
Crochet Chart Symbols


These are standard chart symbols and stitches that are used in this book. With only these five stitches, you will be able to create all of the characters described in this book.

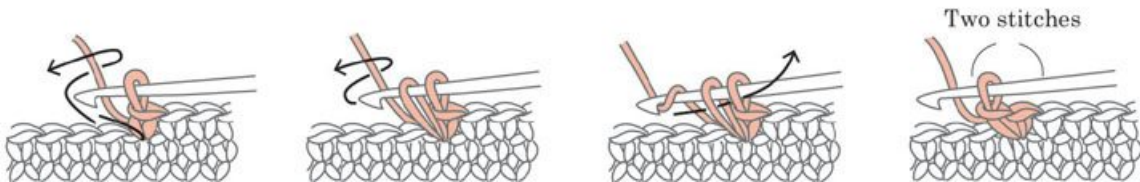
 Chain stitch




 Single crochet



 Single increase with a single crochet



 Single decrease with a single crochet



● Slip stitch



1 Chick



Now that you have learned the basics of crocheting, try creating a chick as your first character. The shape of the chick's body is round, the simplest shape which requires only one crochet chart. Although the body color is pale yellow, the step-by-step photographs below explain each step using orange-colored yarn in order to show the details of the stitches clearly.

Yarn

Large

- Yellow, 0.18 oz.
- Orange, a little

Small

- Yellow, 0.14 oz.
- Orange, a little

Tools

Large

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Small

- 2.25 mm crochet hook

Accessories

Large

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each

Small

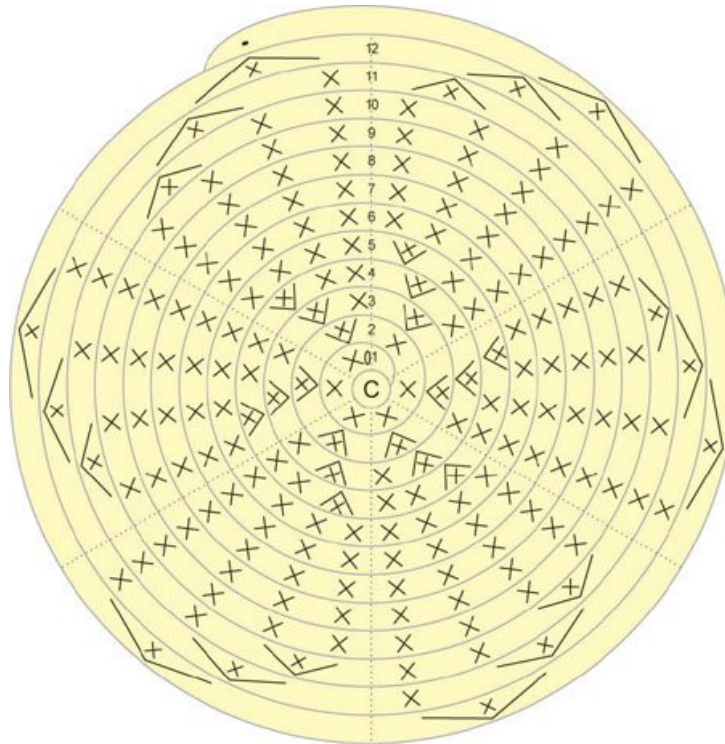
- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the body before closing the last row.
2. Attach the eyes to the head.
3. Embroider the beak.
4. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the body. Thread the remaining yarn into a needle. Then insert the needle into the last row. Tighten the yarn to close the last row.

Crochet chart

The crochet chart uses the crochet symbols and shows the number and order of stitches to complete the character. Along with the stitch table, the crochet chart is an indispensable tool for following the stitches.



Head and body

Stitch table

The stitch table is a guide for the number of stitches per row. Every time you finish crocheting one row, confirm that you have made the correct number of stitches.

Head and body (one piece)

Yellow

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease

7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

-6 means the six stitches are decreased from the previous row.

+6 means the six stitches are increased from the previous row.

The position of the components

This illustration shows the position in which to attach or embroider the components, such as the eyes and the mouth for the chick, but it can be applied to all characters.



Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

Mouth—Four stitches of embroidery on the sixth row



The chick's head can be used for the heads of the bear, the rabbit, the panda, the mouse, and the pig.

Pulling the yarn from the skein



1 Push your thumb and index finger into the skein.



2 Pull the lump of yarn from center.

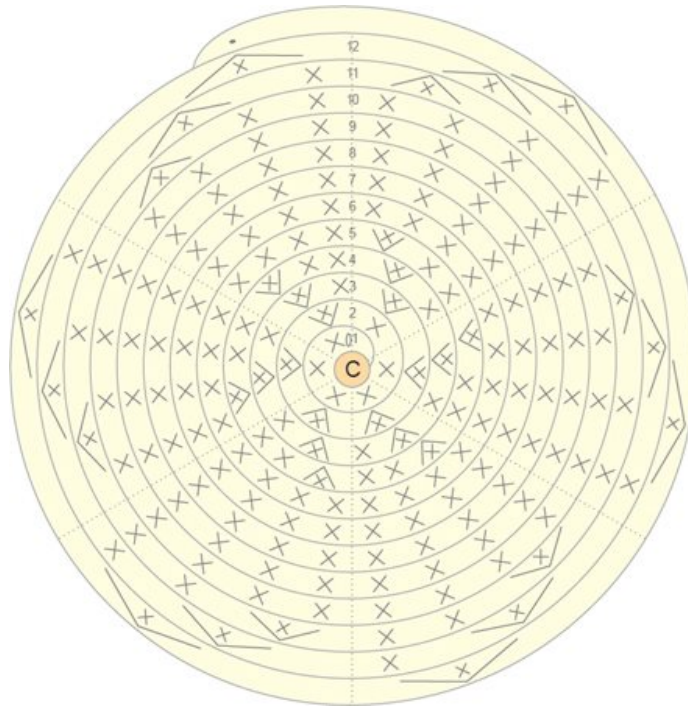


3 Find the end of the yarn.



Hold the crochet hook like you do a pencil, at a distance of 1.57 in. from the end.

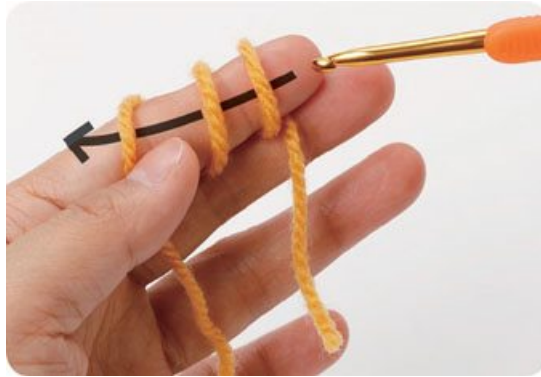
Making a slipknot for the central loop (C)



Head and body



- 1 Wind the yarn around your left index finger. Make sure to hold the end of the yarn with your right index finger and thumb.



2 Insert the hook from your right.



3 Hold the end with your left index and middle fingers while also holding it with your thumb. Insert the hook into the far-left loop. Pull the yarn through.



- 4 After pulling the yarn through, insert the hook in the way that the arrow shows above.

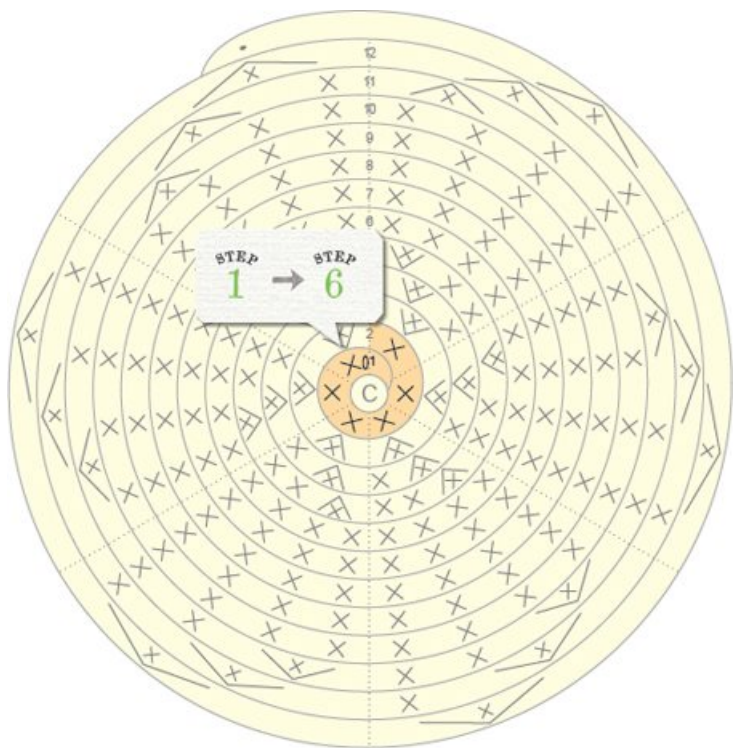


- 5 Hook the yarn once again and pull it through.



6 The slipknot for the central loop is complete.

Making single crochets in the first row (x)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



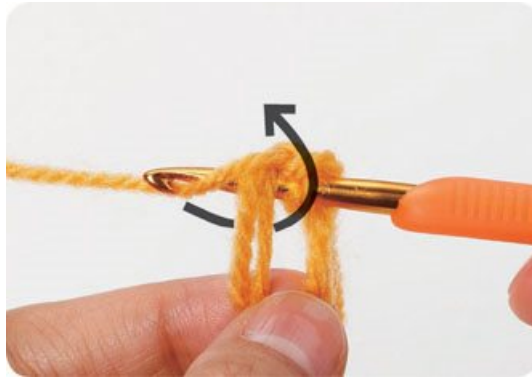
Remove your index finger from the ring.



- 1 Hook the yarn on your left index finger and hold the ring with your middle finger and thumb.



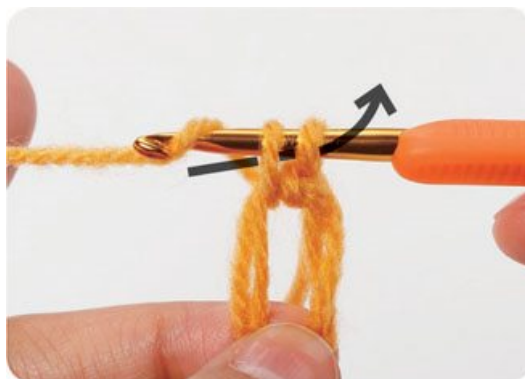
2 Insert the hook into the loop as shown and hook the yarn.



3 Pull the yarn through the loops.



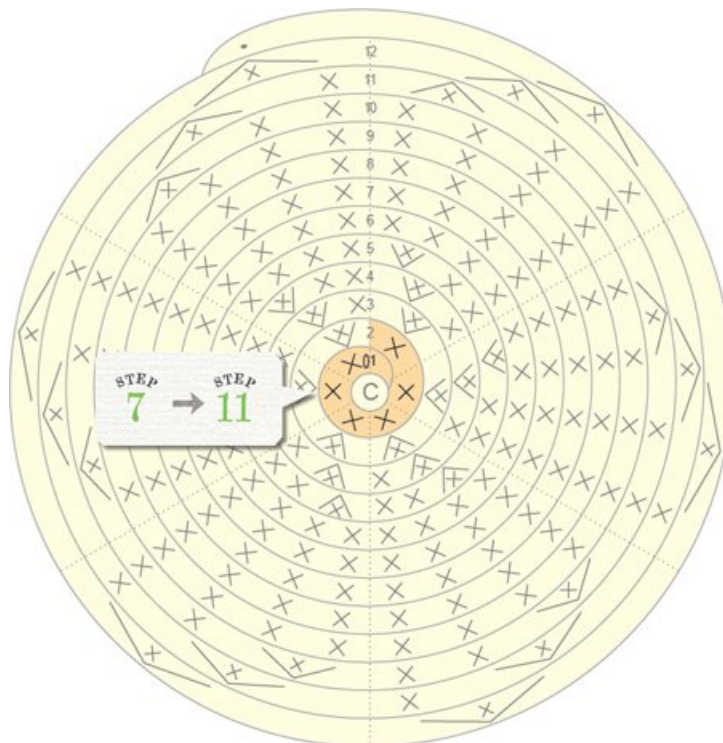
4 Hook the yarn once again.



5 Pull the hooked yarn through the two loops.

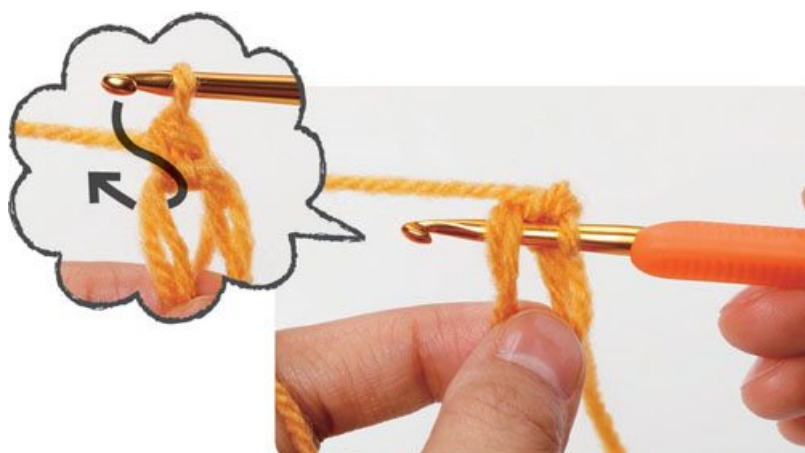


6 You should now have one single crochet.

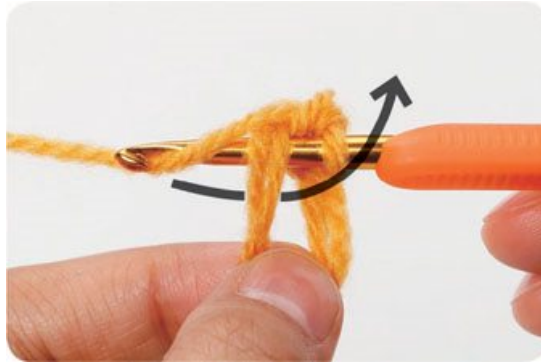


Head and body

Row	Stitches	
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



7 Insert the hook as shown.



8 Hook the yarn and pull it through as shown.



9 The yarn is pulled through.



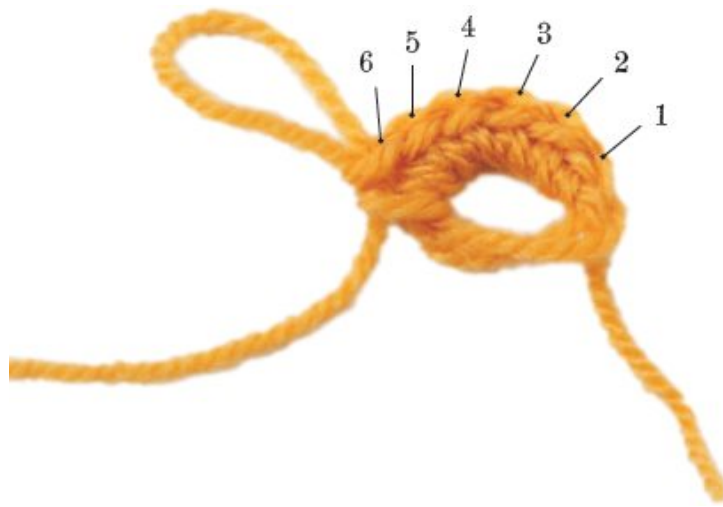
10 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



11 You should now have two single crochets.



12 Repeat 2–5 steps until you have six single crochets.



13 Remove the hook. Make sure you now have six single crochets.



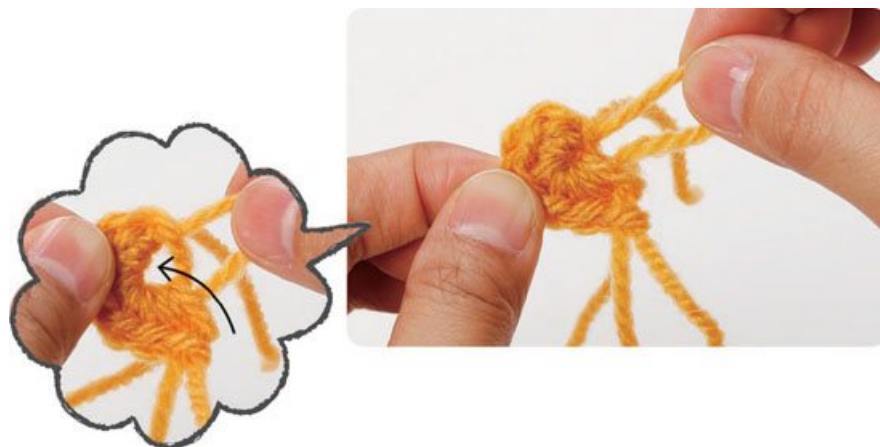
14 Raise the end of yarn and pull it lightly. You should now see one loop tighten.



15 The loop is now tightened.



16 Pull the tightened loop as shown above. You should now see the loop on the other side.



17 Pull the loop until it is invisible.

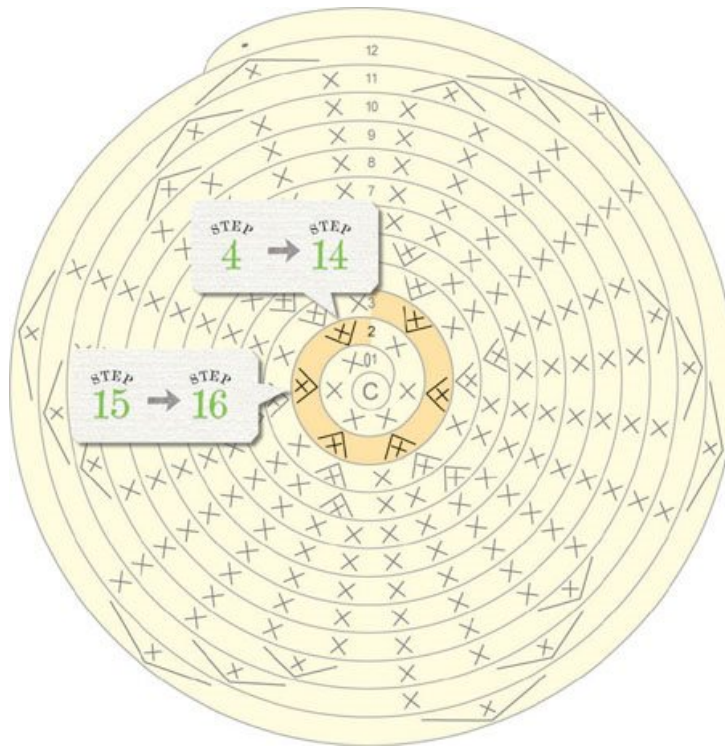


18 Raise the end of the yarn and pull it through until the other loop is completely invisible.



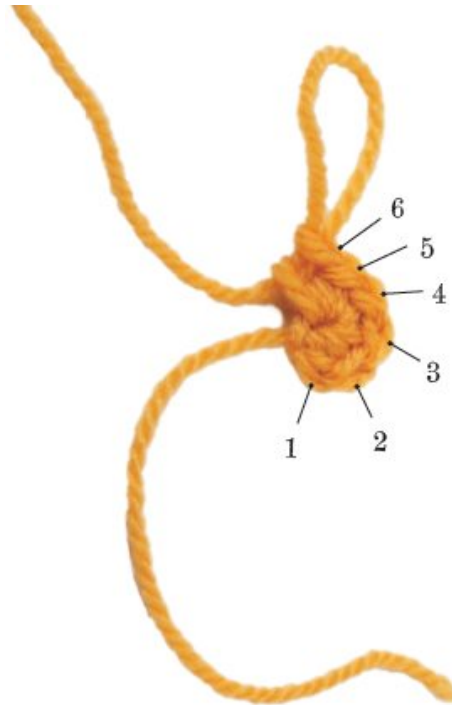
19 The first row is now complete.

Crocheting the second row by increase without foundation chains (✕)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase



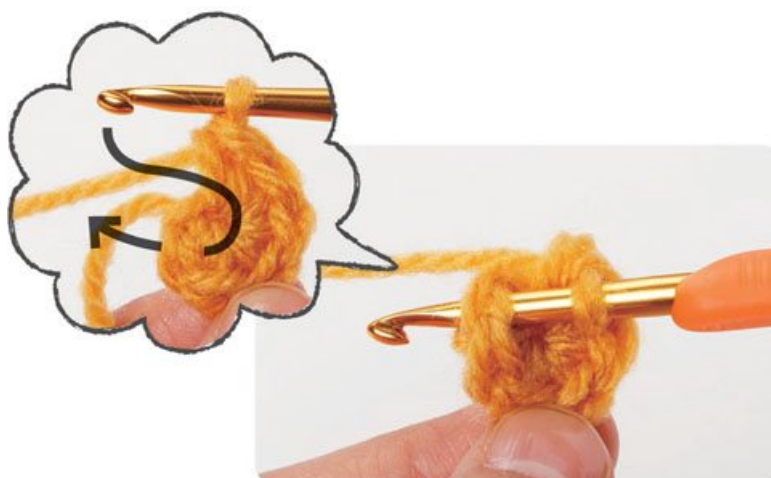
1 This is how the first row now looks.



2 Insert the hook back into the loop.



3 Pull the yarn to tighten the ring.



4 Insert the hook into the first stitch shown in step 1. Make sure the hook is going through both strands of yarn.



5 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



6 The yarn is pulled through.



7 Hook the yarn again and pull it through.



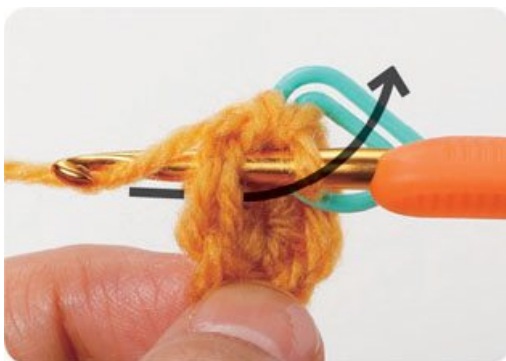
8 The first single crochet in the second row is now complete.



9 Insert the row-counting ring into the first single crochet. This marks the first stitch of the second row.



10 Insert the hook into the same stitch once again. Refer to the arrow in the balloon to the left.



11 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



12 The yarn is pulled through.



13 Hook the yarn again and pull it through.



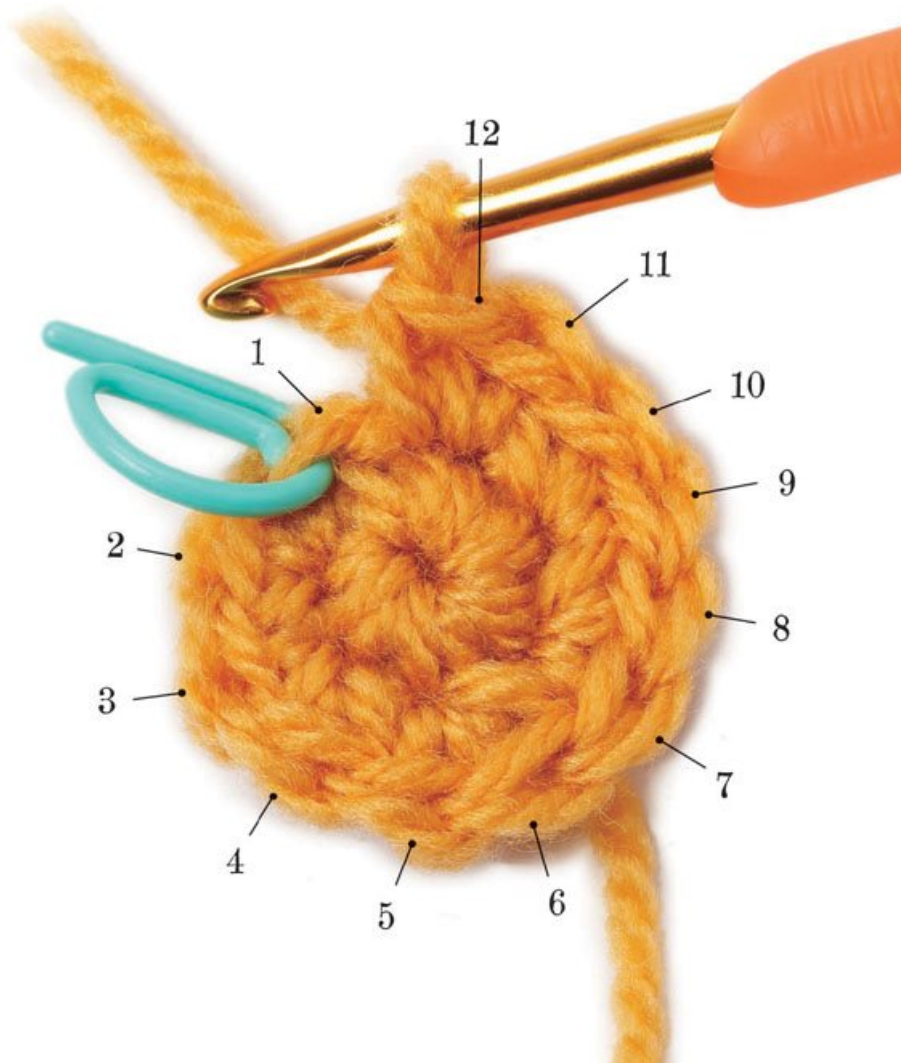
14 The second single crochet in the same single stitch (one increase) is now complete.



15 Crochet two more single crochets in the next stitch (the one indicated with the arrow above).

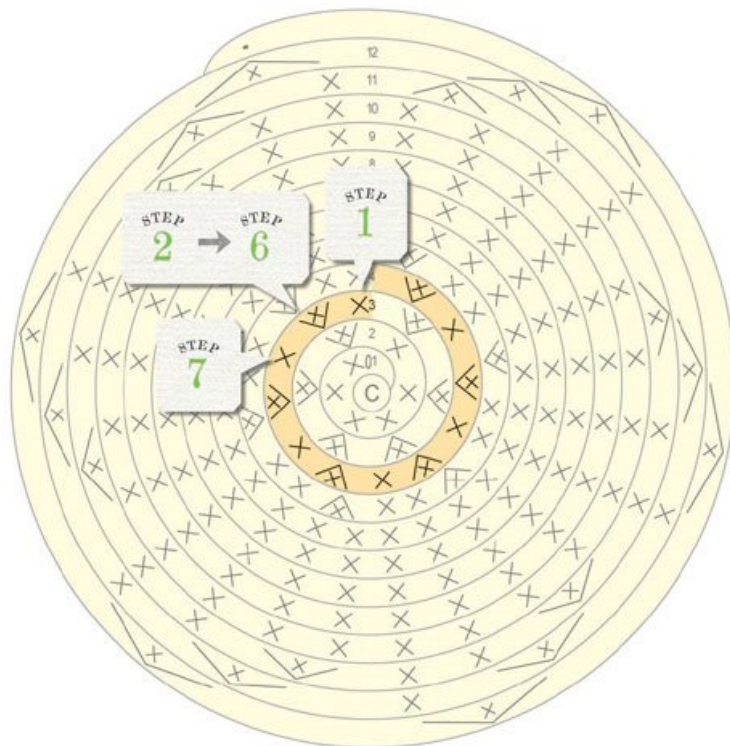


16 The second increase in the second row (four single crochets) is now complete.



17 Crochet the stitches per the crochet chart above until the last stitch before the row-counting ring. Confirm that there are 12 stitches in total.

Completing the third row (✕ ✕)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase



1 Remove the row-counting ring.



2 Insert the hook in the stitch where the row-counting ring was attached. Hook the yarn and pull it through.



3 The yarn is pulled through.



4 Hook the yarn again and pull it through.



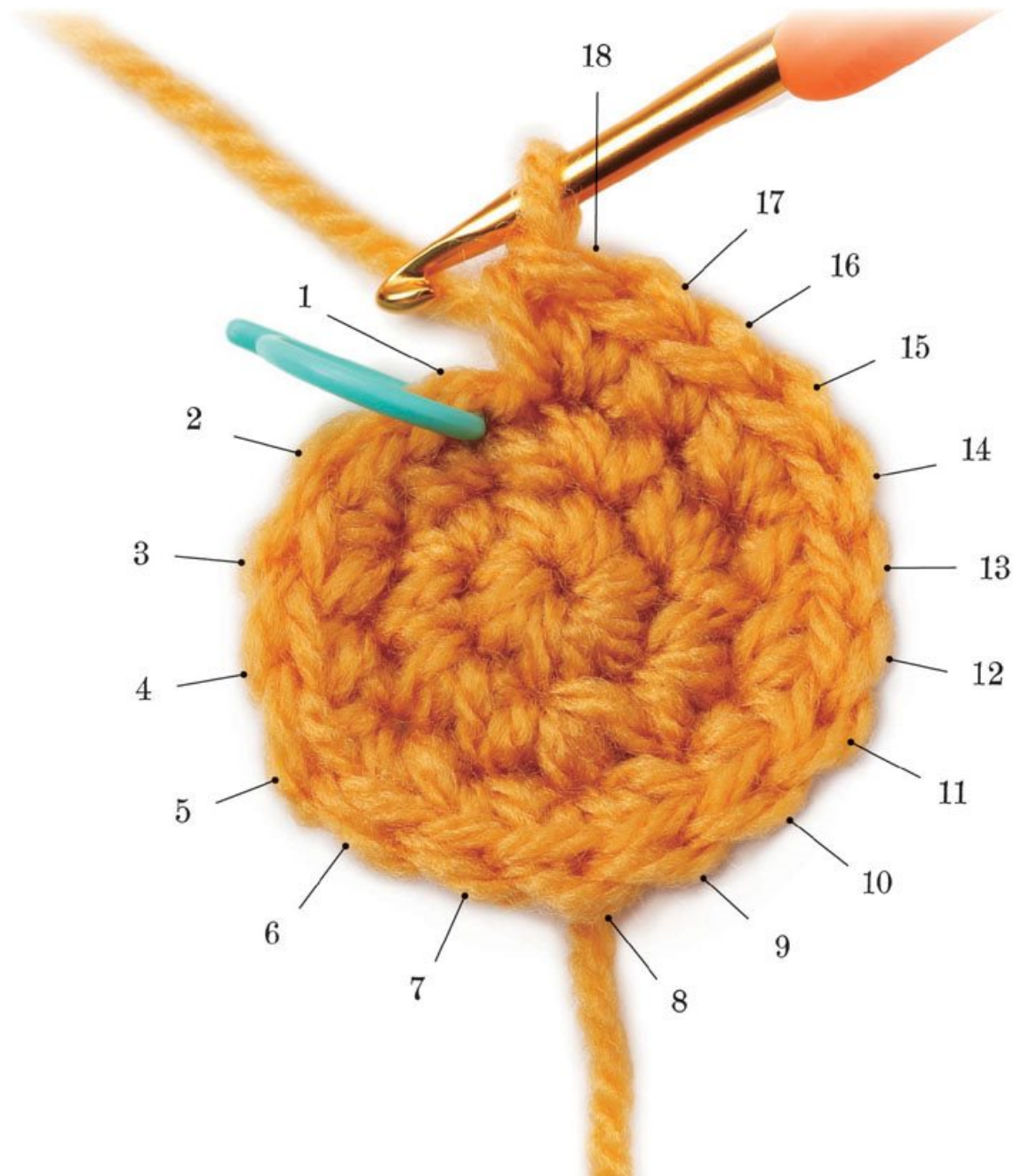
5 The first single crochet in the third row is now complete.



6 Insert the row-counting ring into the first stitch. This marks the first stitch of the third row.

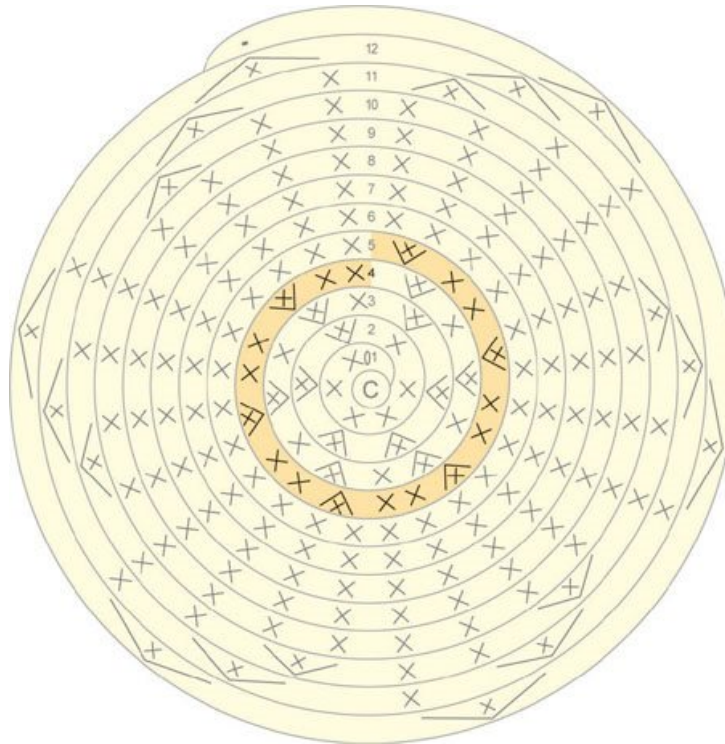


7 Crochet a single increase with a single crochet in the next stitch.



- 8 Crochet stitches per the crochet chart above until the last stitch before the row-counting ring. Confirm that there are 18 stitches in total.

Completing the fourth row (✕ ✎)

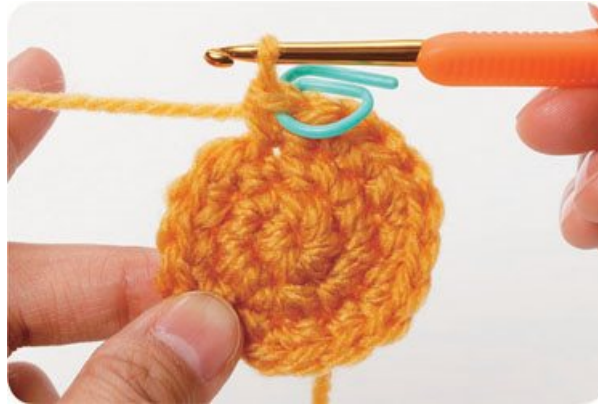


Head and body

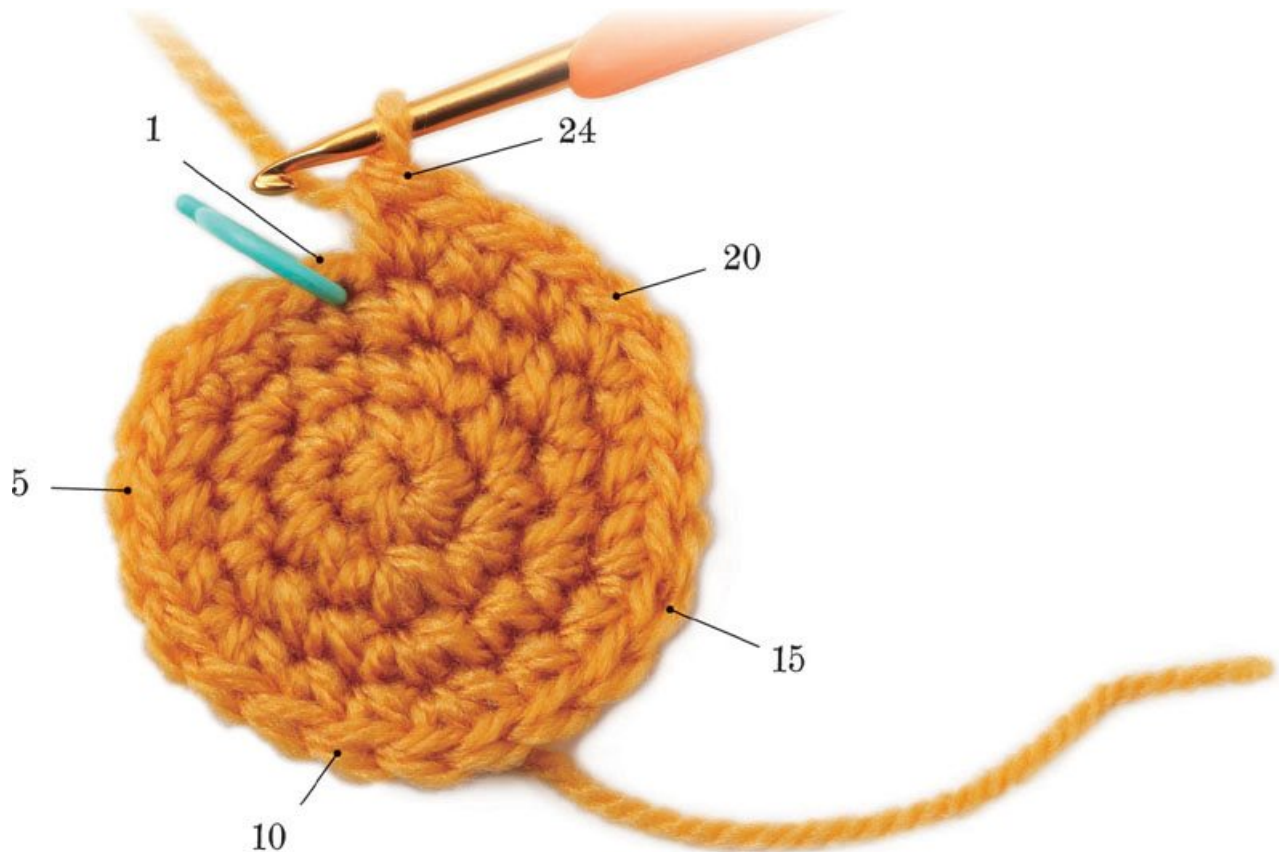
Row	Stitches	
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase



- 1 Remove the row-counting ring. Crochet one single crochet in the stitch where the row-counting ring was attached.

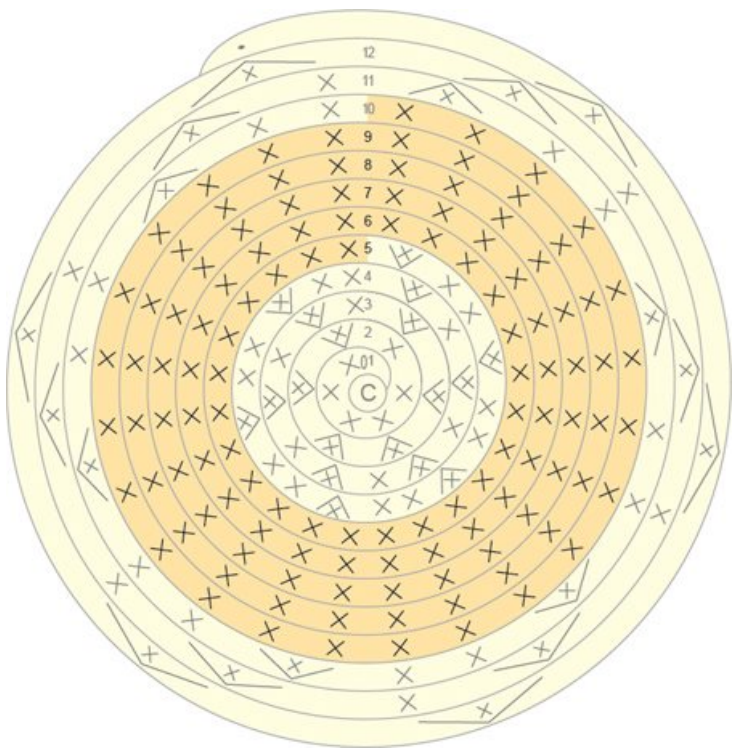


- 2 Insert the row-counting ring into the first single crochet. This marks the first stitch of the fourth row.



- 3 Crochet stitches per the crochet chart above until the last stitch before the row-counting ring. Confirm that there are 24 stitches in total.

Completing the fifth to ninth rows (x)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease

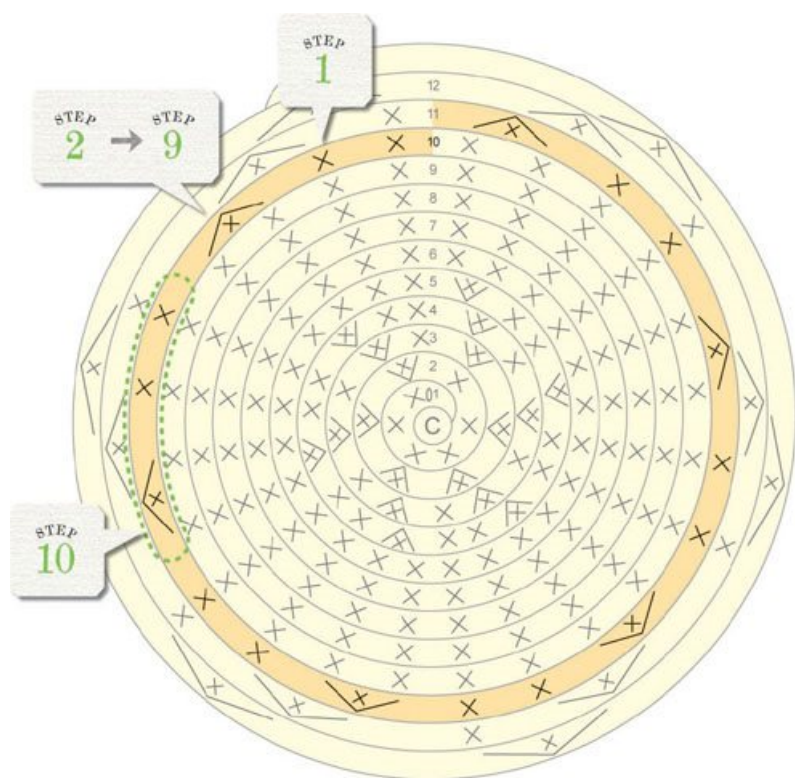


1 Crochet 24 single crochets in each row for rows 5–9.



2 The ninth row is complete.

Decreasing stitches in the tenth row (✕ ⋈)



Row	Stitches	
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease



1 Crochet two single crochets.



- 2 Crochet a single decrease with a single crochet in the third stitch. Insert the hook in the next stitch.



- 3 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



4 The yarn is pulled through.



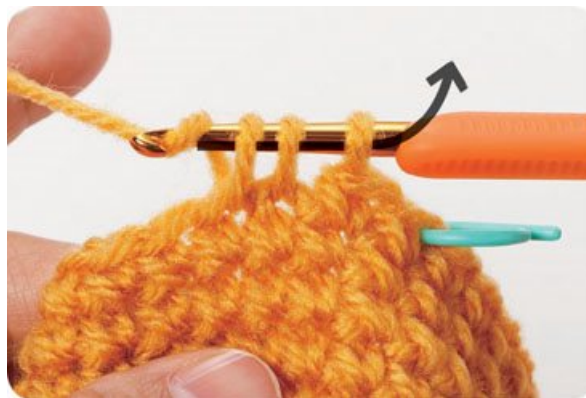
5 Insert the hook in the next stitch.



6 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



7 You should see three stitches on the hook.



8 Hook the yarn and pull it through the three loops.



9 You should have made a single decrease with a single crochet.

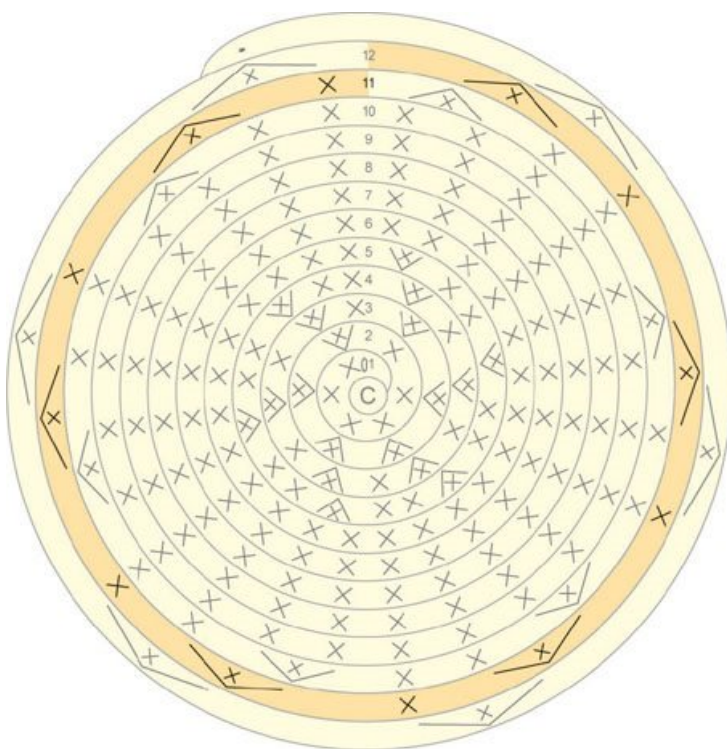


10 Crochet two more single crochets. In the third stitch, crochet a single decrease with a single crochet.



- 11** Crochet stitches per the crochet chart above until the last stitch before the row-counting ring. Confirm that there are 18 stitches in total.

Completing the eleventh row (✕ ⚡)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease



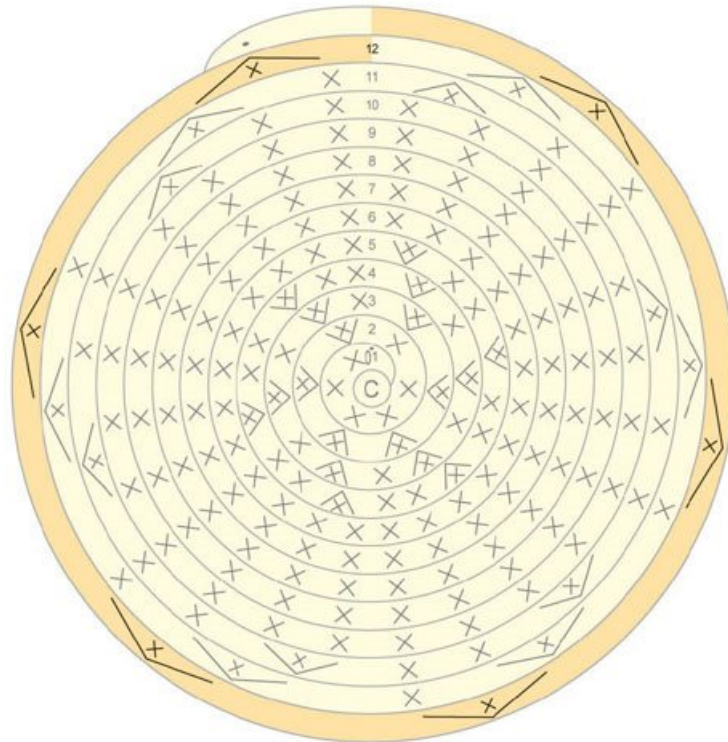
Crochet stitches per the crochet chart. Confirm that there are 12 stitches in total.

Stuffing the cotton



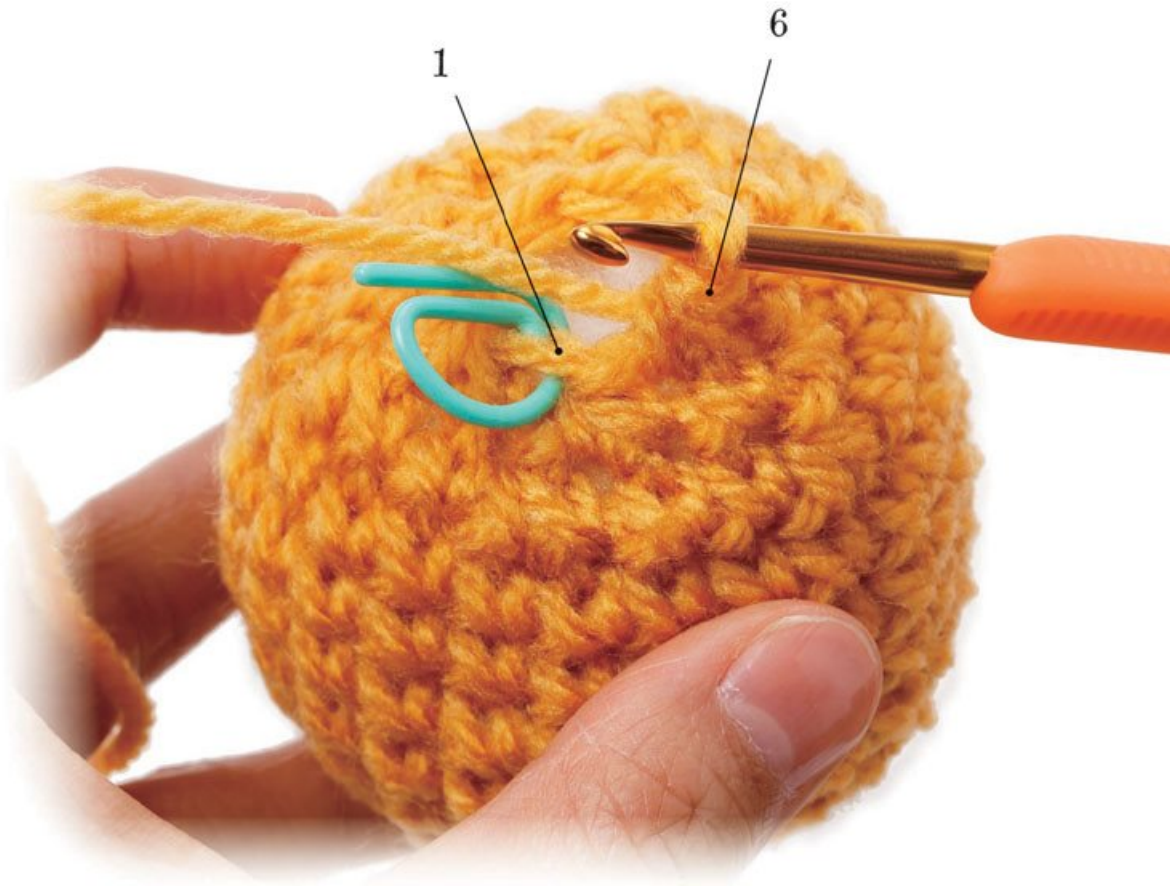
Stuff approximately 90% of the cotton before crocheting the last row. Stuffing it after completing the last row makes it harder to shape.

Completing the twelfth row (🔗)



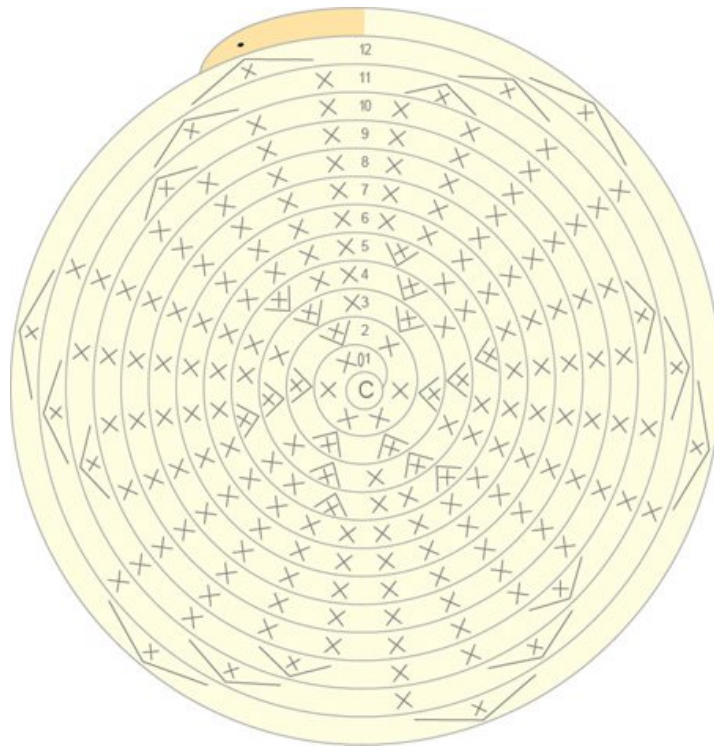
Head and body

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease



Crochet stitches per the crochet chart. Confirm that there are six stitches in total.

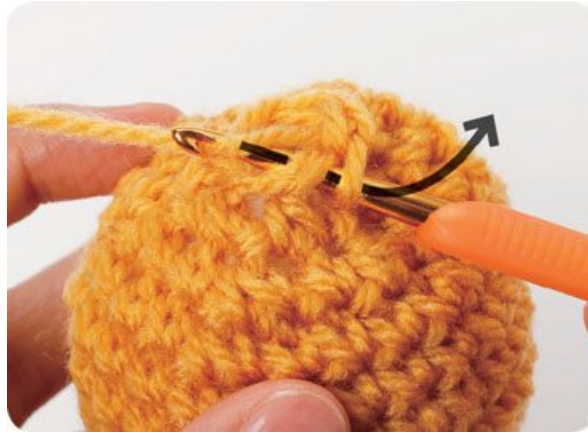
Making a slip stitch (-)



Head and body



1 Remove the row-counting ring.



2 Insert the hook into the next stitch and pull it through.



3 The yarn is now pulled through.



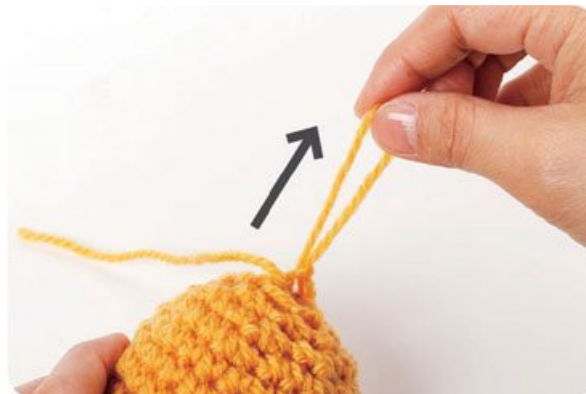
4 Pull the loop as shown and remove the hook.

Leave an ample amount of yarn

When you finish making each body part, leave an ample amount of yarn before cutting it. The extra yarn will be useful in assembling the finished the body parts. Leaving 7.8–9.5 inches is ideal.



5 Cut the yarn, leaving an ample amount, about 7.87 inches.



6 Pull on the loop as shown.



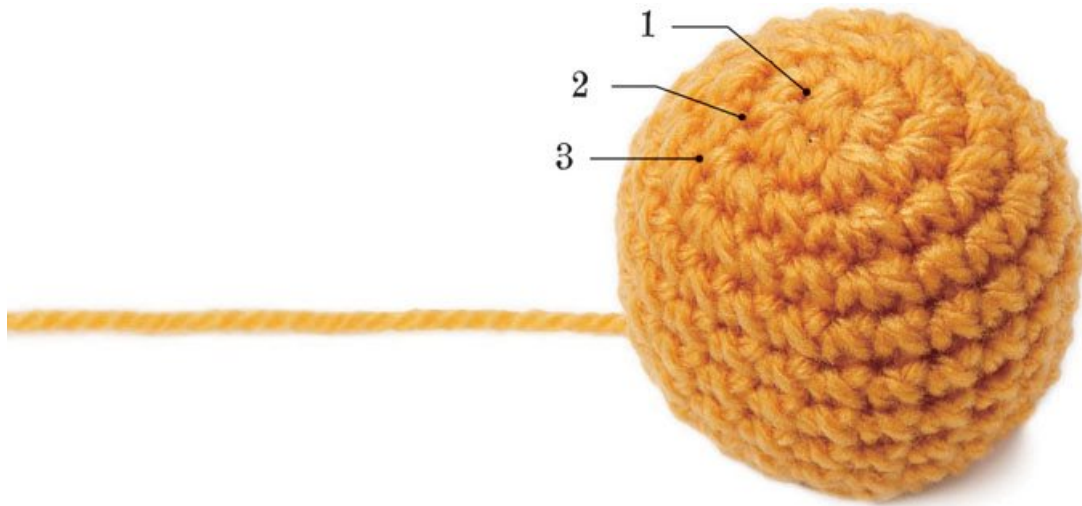
7 Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it.

Stuffing the cotton again



8 Stuff the rest of the cotton into the body.

Attaching the eyes



This photograph shows how to count the rows. Rows should be counted per number of grooves.



- 1 Thread the needle and tie a knot in the end of the yarn.

Note that a different color of yarn is used to show the assembly more clearly. You should use the same color of yarn as the body, though.



2 Put the needle into the bottom of the body.



3 Pass the needle from inside the body out through the groove of the sixth row.



4 Pass the needle through the shank of the eye.



5 The next stitch should be made from outside the body into the same stitch.



6 Pass the needle through the inside of the body to the groove, six stitches away from the first eye.



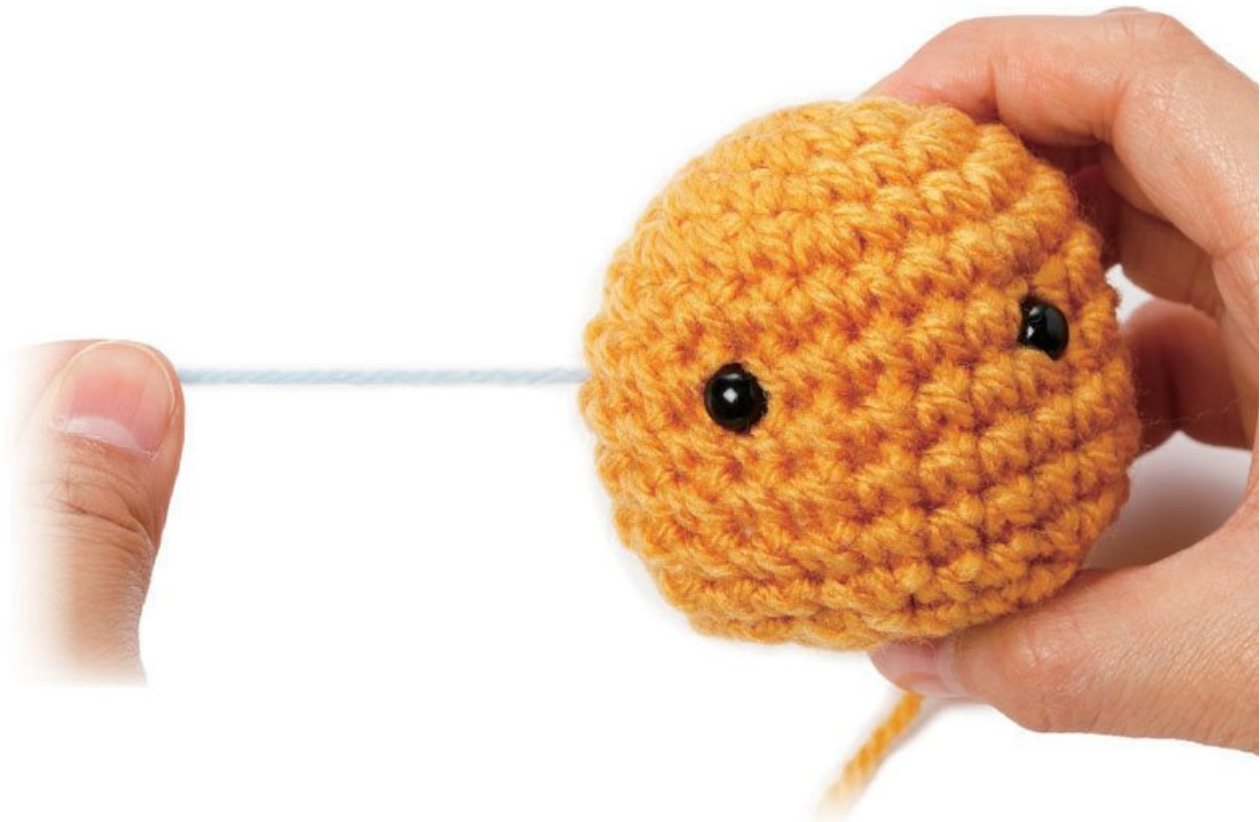
7 Tighten the yarn and hold the eye in position.



8 Pass the needle through the shank of the second eye. The next stitch should be made from outside the body into the same stitch on the sixth row.



- 9 Pass the needle through the inside of the body to a groove on the sixth row, but this time a little away from the second eye.



- 10 Tighten the yarn and hold the eyes in position.



- 11** Repeat steps 9–10. Make sure to not tangle the yarn with the cotton inside of the body.

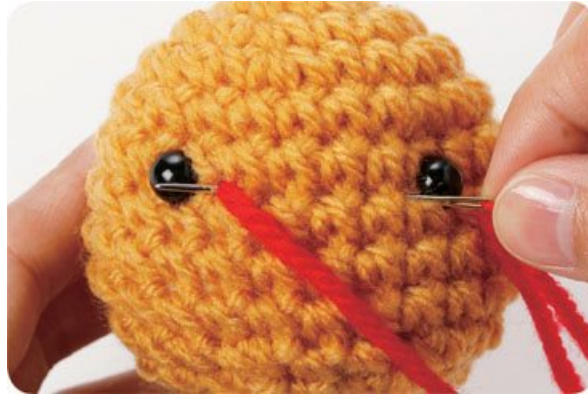


- 12** Tighten the yarn and cut off the end.

Embroidering the mouth



- 1** Thread the needle and tie a knot in the end of the yarn. Pass the needle into the bottom of the body to a groove near the right eye.



- 2 Pass the needle through the inside of the body to the groove, four stitches away. Then pass the needle through the stitch in step 1 and tighten the yarn.



- 3 Repeat step 2.



- 4 Repeat step 3, but this time four stitches away from the original position. Pass the needle through the groove away from the original position. Tighten the yarn.



- 5 Repeat step 4. Make sure to not tangle the yarn with the cotton inside of the body.



6 Both eyes and mouth are now complete.

Tying the knot in the last row



1 Pass the needle through the outside of the remaining stitches in the last row.



2 Pass the yarn through the next stitch to the inside of the body.



3 Pass the yarn through the stitches in the last row and tighten the yarn.



4 Tighten the yarn until the hole is invisible.



5 Run the yarn through the stitches to close the hole.



6 Run the yarn through the stitches in a few more directions to close the hole.



7 Pass the needle through a stitch, away from the original position.



8 Tighten the yarn and cut it off.

The entire body is now complete.



2 Chicken



Let's create the chicken based on the chick next. The way to crochet the chicken's head and body is pretty similar to the chick. Therefore, in this chapter the explanation focuses on how to make the crest and tail, as well as the way to assemble each body part.

Yarn

- White, 0.25 oz.
- Red, 0.02 oz.
- Orange, a little

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the body.
2. Attach the eyes to the body.
3. Embroider the mouth.
4. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the body. Thread the remaining yarn into a needle. Then insert the needle into the last row. Tighten the yarn to close the last row.
5. Attach the crest.
6. Fold the wings in two and whip stitch them together.
7. Whip stitch the wings and tail to the body.



Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

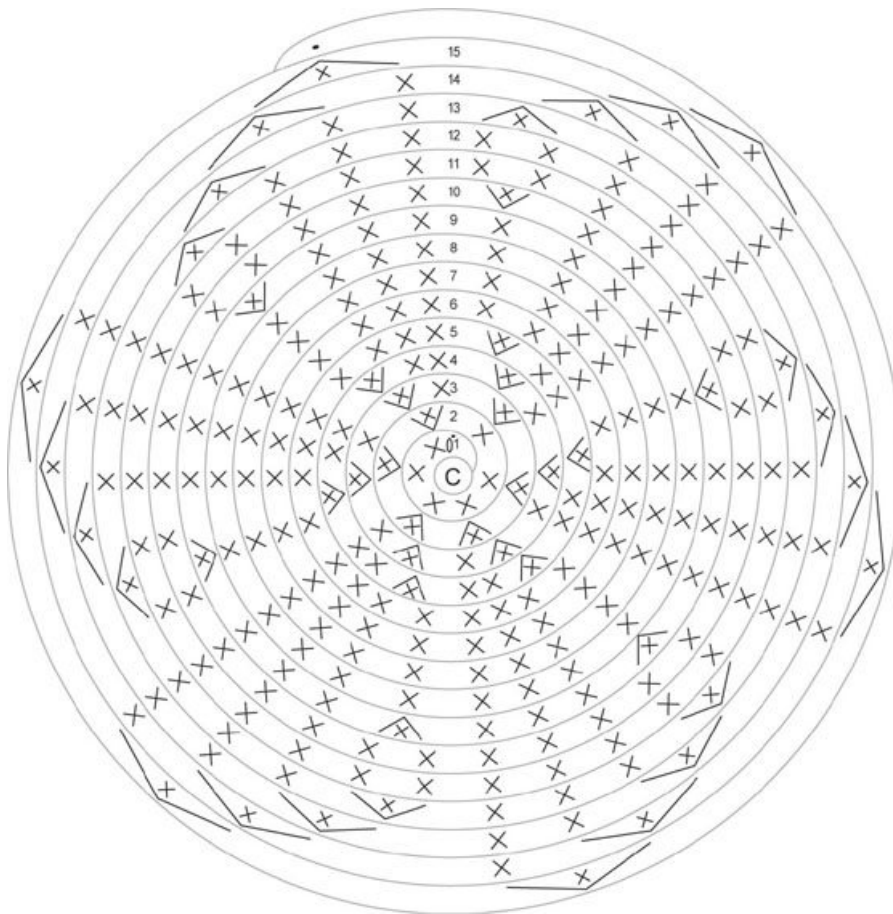
Mouth—Four stitches of embroidery in the sixth row.



Chicken's crest—Attach the crest in the center of the bottom.

Wings—Attach to the seventh row.

Tail—Attach to the twelfth row.



Head and body

The number of stitches and rows are exactly the same as the chick up until the eighth row.

Head and body (one piece)

White

Row	Stitches	
15	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
14	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
13	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
12	24(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	30	No increase or decrease
10	30	No increase or decrease
9	30(+6)	Six stitch increase
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

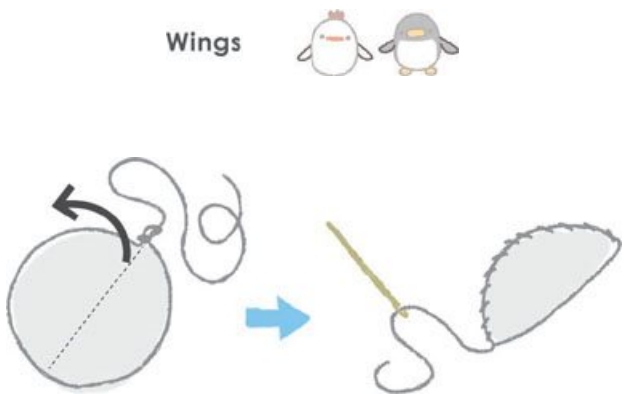


Wings

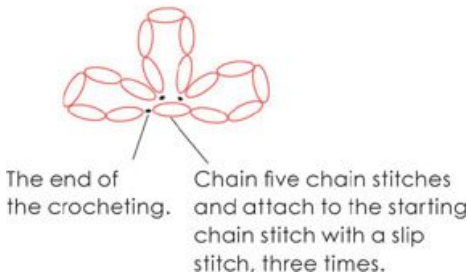
Wings (two pieces)
White

Row	Stitches	
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

Use the reverse side of the stitches as the front.

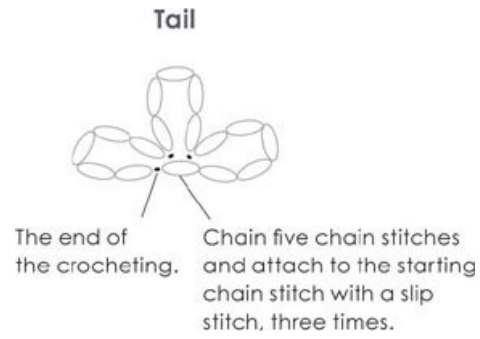


Chicken's crest



Chicken's crest (one piece)
Red

Row	Stitches	
1	16	Chain stitches



Tail (one piece)
White

Row	Stitches	
1	16	Chain stitches

Stitching the wings together



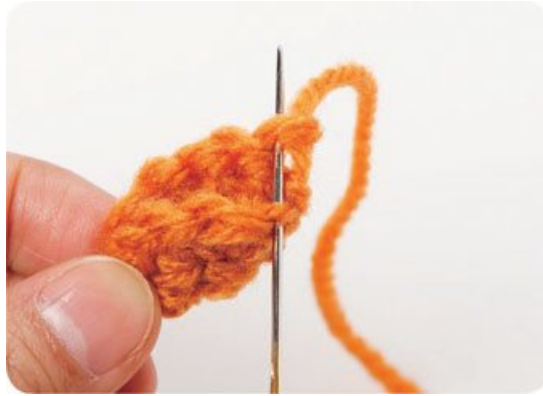
1 Crochet the wings per the [crochet chart](#).



2 Cut the beginning of the thread extending from the center of the back side, the close to surface.



3 Fold the back of the wings in two.



- 4 Thread the remaining yarn through the needle and whip stitch the sides together. Make sure to only pick up the inside edge of the chain stitches.



- 5 Pass the needle into the next stitch and pull it through.



6 All the facing stitches are now stitched together.

If you miss rows or stitches

Did you make an extra stitch where you shouldn't have? Did you decrease the rows by mistake when you shouldn't have? Don't worry! Simply go back to where you went wrong, and start again from there. You don't have to start from the very beginning. These mistakes do not impact what you have already completed.

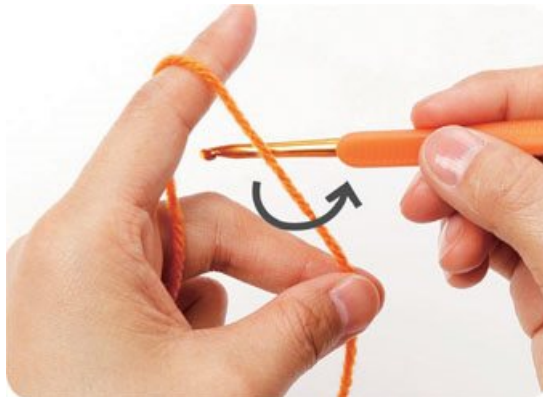
Starting chain stitches (o)

Chicken's crest





- 1 Pass the yarn between the index and middle fingers as shown. Loop the yarn over the index finger, and hold it with the middle finger and the thumb.



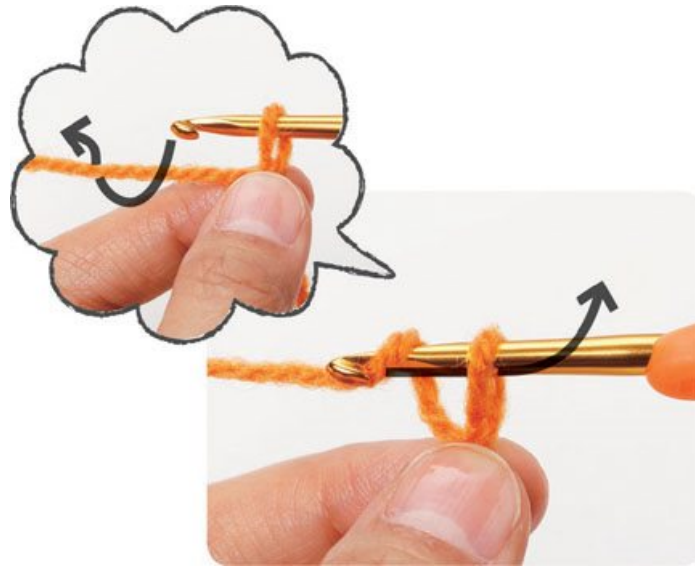
- 2 Loop the yarn over and around the hook in a counterclockwise direction.



3 The yarn is now twisted.



4 Hold the bottom of the loop with the middle finger and thumb.



5 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



6 The beginning stitch is now complete. This stitch is not counted as the first one.



7 Pull the yarn and tighten it.

Making chain stitches (o)

Chicken's crest



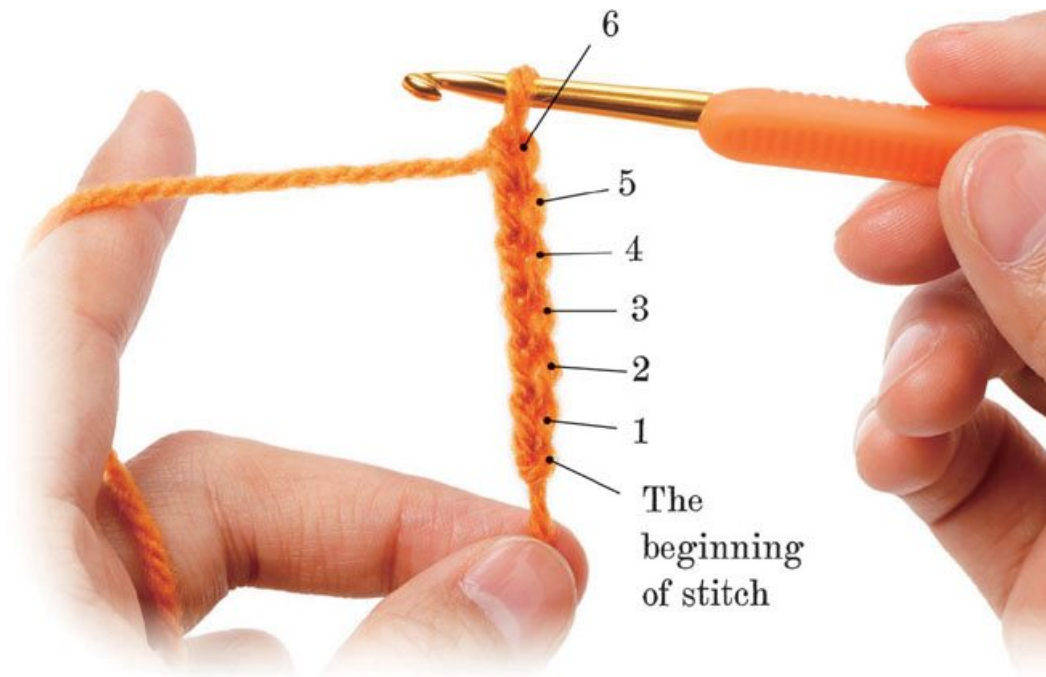
1 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



2 The first chain stitch is now complete.



3 Hook the yarn again and pull it through.



4 Crochet six chain stitches in total.

Making a slip stitch (•)

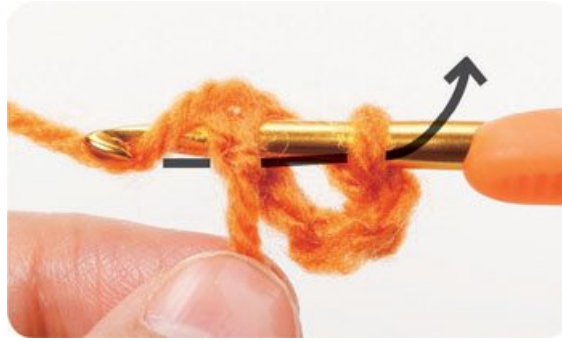
Chicken's crest



- 1 Insert the hook in the first chain stitch. Make sure to hook two strands of the yarn.



- 2 The hook is now inserted into the first chain stitch.



3 Hook the yarn and pull it through.

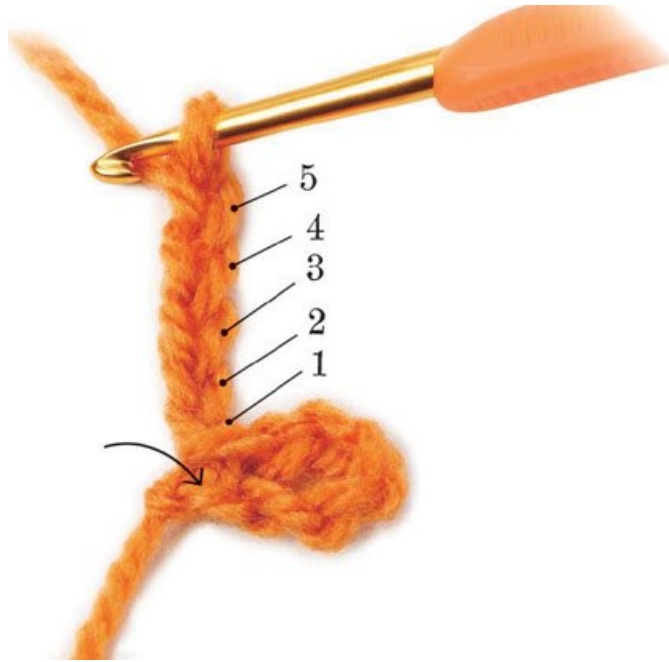


4 The slip stitch is now complete.

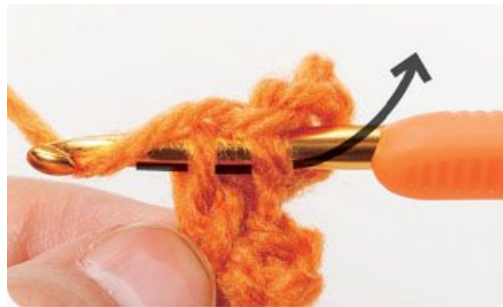
Adding on chain stitches (o -)

Chicken's crest





- 1 Crochet five more chain stitches. Insert the hook into the first chain stitch (the slip stitch you just made).



- 2 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



3 The slip stitch is now complete.



4 Crochet five more chain stitches.



5 Insert the hook in the first chain stitch, the last slip stitch you made.



6 Pull the loop.



7 Cut the yarn, leaving an ample amount, about 7.87 inches. You should also keep the beginning end of the yarn at an ample length. To make the tail, you can use the same method as for the crest.

Attaching the crest and the wings



- 1 Thread the two strands of yarn from the beginning and the end of the crest into the needle.



- 2 Pass the needle into the center of the beginning of the stitches of the body. Pull it through the stitches at the back of the body.



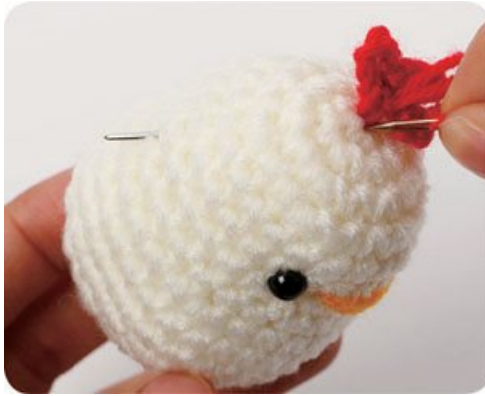
3 The yarn is pulled through.



4 Pass the needle from the same stitch in the back through the body. Pull it through the center of the beginning stitches of the body.



5 Pass the needle into the center of the chicken's crest.



- 6 Pass the needle into the center of the beginning of the stitches in the body. Pull it through the stitches at the back of the body.



- 7 Pass the needle from the same stitch in the back through the body. Pull it through the center of the beginning stitches of the body.



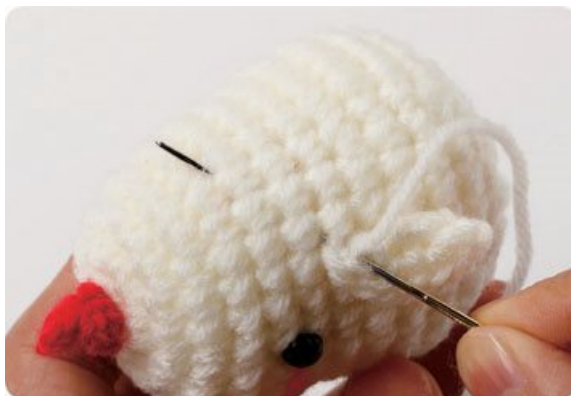
8 The chicken's crest is now attached.



9 Thread the remaining yarn from the wings into the hole of the needle. Pass the needle into the stitches of the body and the wings, and pull it through.



- 10 Pass the needle into the stitches of the body and the wings once again, and pull it through.



- 11 Pass the needle through the beginning stitch. Pull it through a stitch in the back.



12 Both wings are now attached.



13 Attach the tail in the same way you did the chicken's crest.

The chicken is now complete.



Egg

Yarn

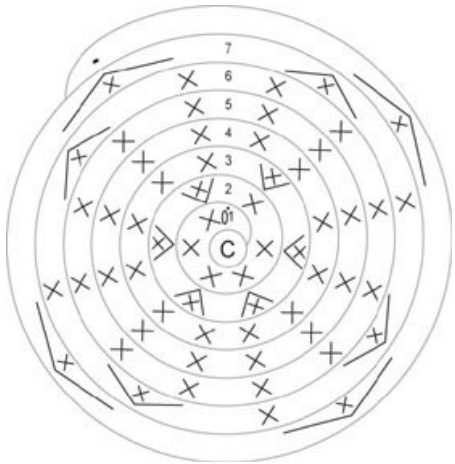
- White, 0.07 oz.

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Step-by-step Techniques

- 1. Crochet the egg. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the egg before closing the last row.
- 2. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the egg. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.



Egg

Egg (one piece)
White

Row	Stitches	
7	4(-4)	Four stitch decrease
6	8(-4)	Four stitch decrease
5	12	No increase or decrease
4	12	No increase or decrease
3	12	No increase or decrease
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

3 Parakeet



The parakeet's head and body are made in the same way as the chick's, which is by starting with a slipknot for the central loop and proceeding to the chain stitches. Presented here are three different color variations of the parakeet. This chapter serves as a lesson on how to change the colors while crocheting the body. The wings, tail, and beak employ the same crocheting method by starting with a slipknot for the central loop.

Yarn

- A. • White, 0.14 oz.
 - Blue, 0.14 oz.
 - Navy blue, 0.12 oz.
 - Orange, 0.07 oz.
- B. • White, 0.14 oz.
 - Blue green, 0.14 oz.
 - Lime green, 0.12 oz.
 - Orange, 0.07 oz.
- C. • White, 0.14 oz.

- Light blue, 0.14 oz.
- Blue, 0.12 oz.
- Orange, 0.07 oz.

Tool

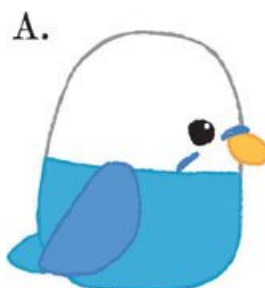
- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the body.
2. Attach the eyes to the body.
3. Whip stitch the beak to the body.
4. Embroider patterns above the beak and under the eyes.
5. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the body. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
6. Fold the wings in two and whip stitch them together.
7. Whip stitch the wings and tail to the body.



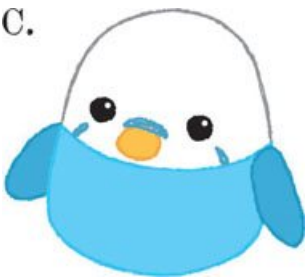
Wings—Attach to the eighth row.

Tail—Attach between the eleventh and thirteenth row.



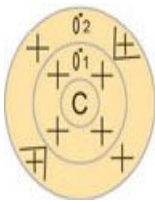
Beak—Attach to the sixth row.

Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)



Spots—Embroidery in the eighth row.

Nose—Four stitches of embroidery in the sixth row.

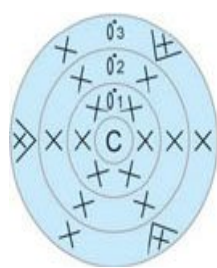


Beak

Beak (one piece)
Orange

Row	Stitches

2	6(+2)	Two stitch increase
1	4	Single crochet in the loop



Tail

Tail (one piece)
A. Blue
B. Blue green
C. Light blue

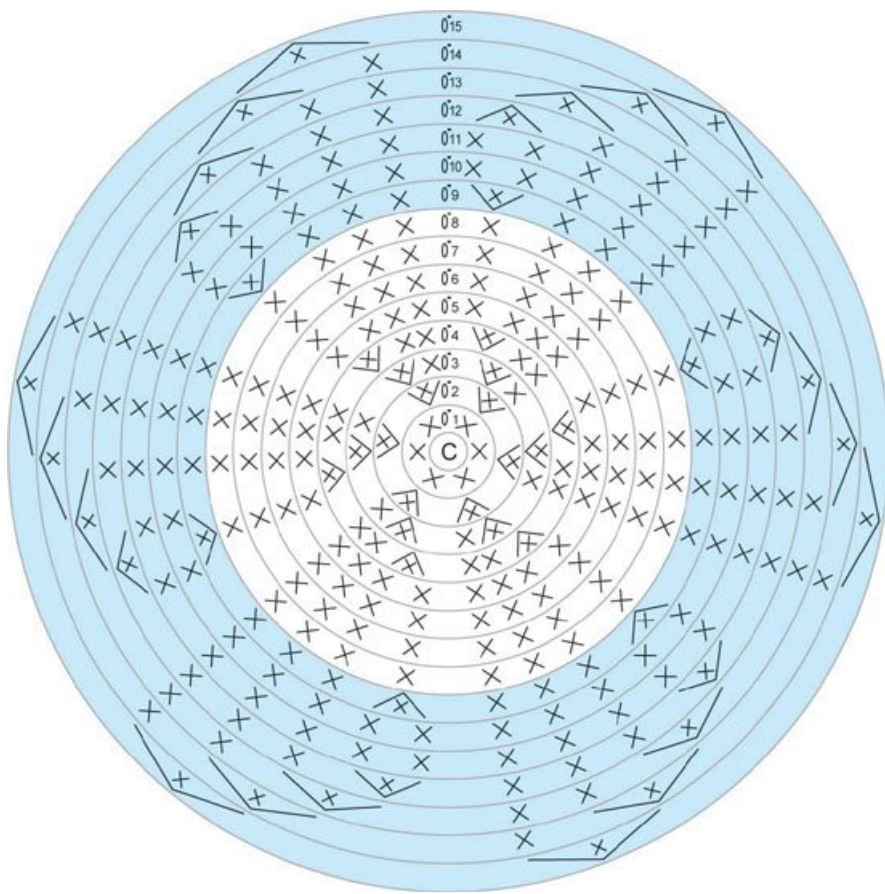
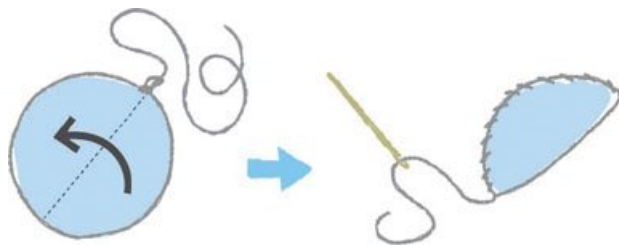
Row	Stitches	
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Wings

Wings (two pieces)
A. Navy blue
B. Lime green
C. Blue

Row	Stitches	
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Head and body

Head and body



Head and body (one piece)

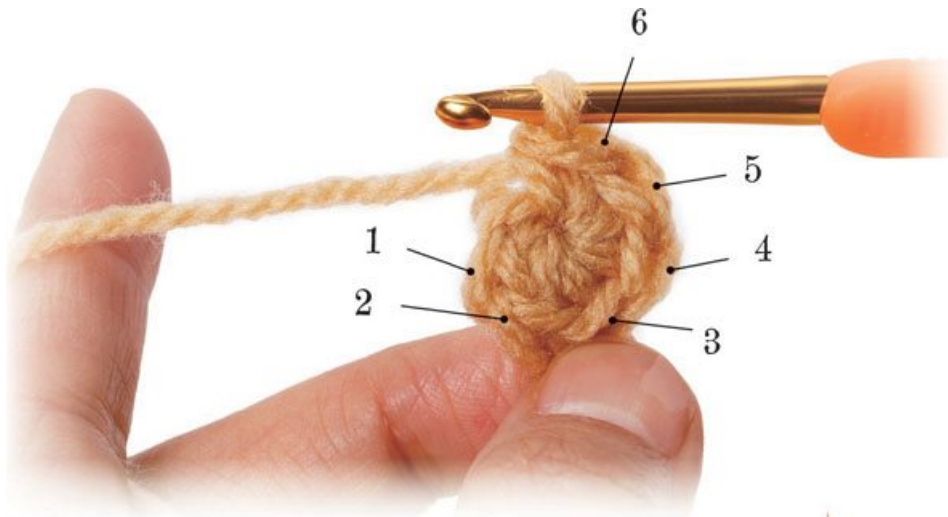
A. White / Light blue

B. White / Blue green

C. White / Light blue

Row	Stitches	
15	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
14	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
13	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
12	24(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	30	No increase or decrease
10	30	No increase or decrease
9	30(+6)	Six stitch increase
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

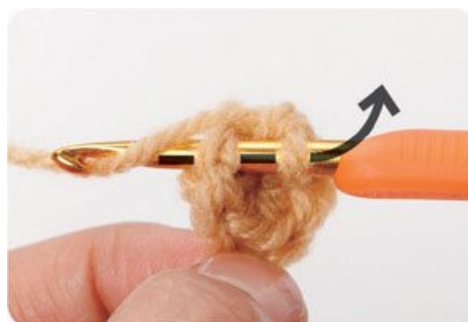
Starting with a chain in the center of the loop (x)



1 Crochet the first row in the same way as the first row for the chick.



2 Insert the hook into the first stitch.

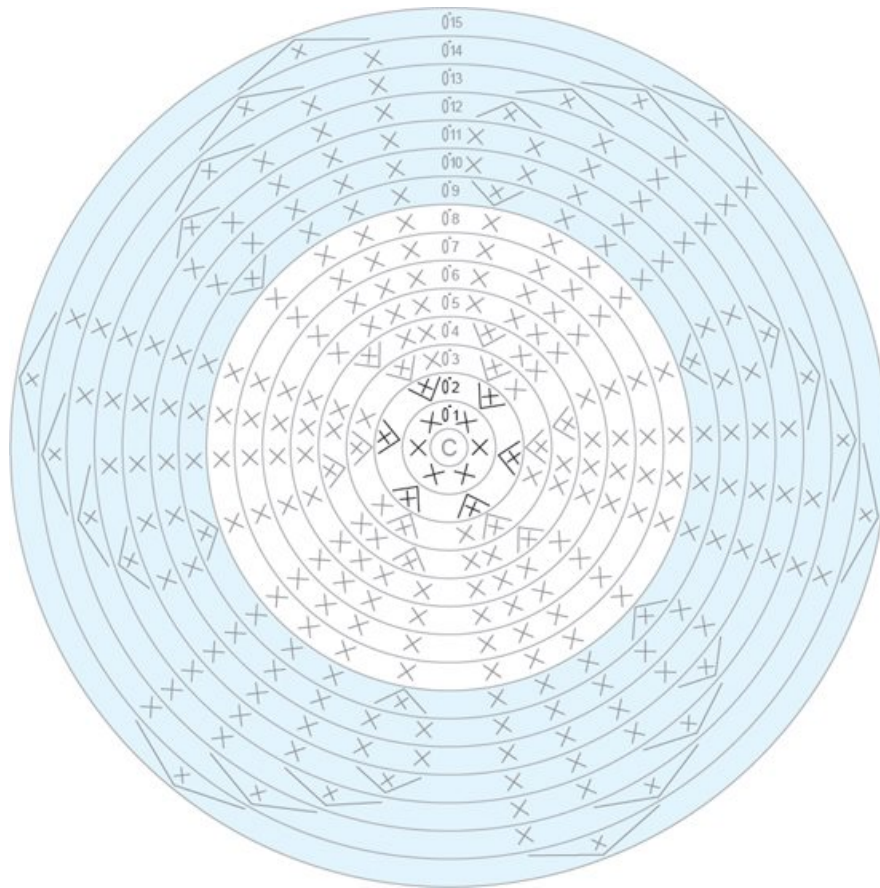


3 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



4 Hook the yarn and pull it through, again. The first row is now complete.

Crocheting the second row (✂)



Head and body

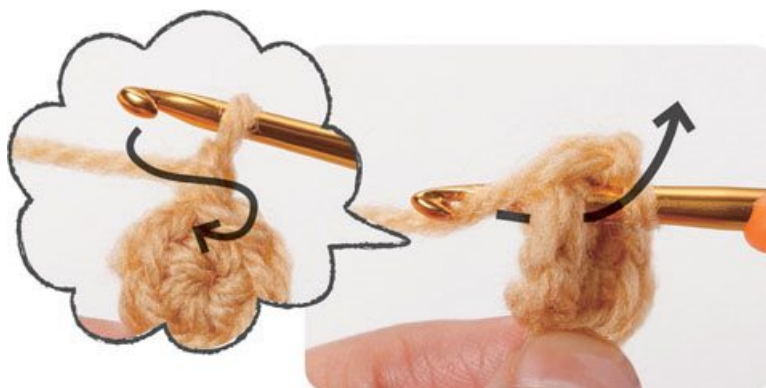
Row	Stitches	
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



1 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



2 Hook the yarn and pull it through, again. The foundation chain stitches are now complete.



3 Insert the hook into the last stitch, hook the yarn, and pull it through.



4 Hook the yarn again and pull it through.



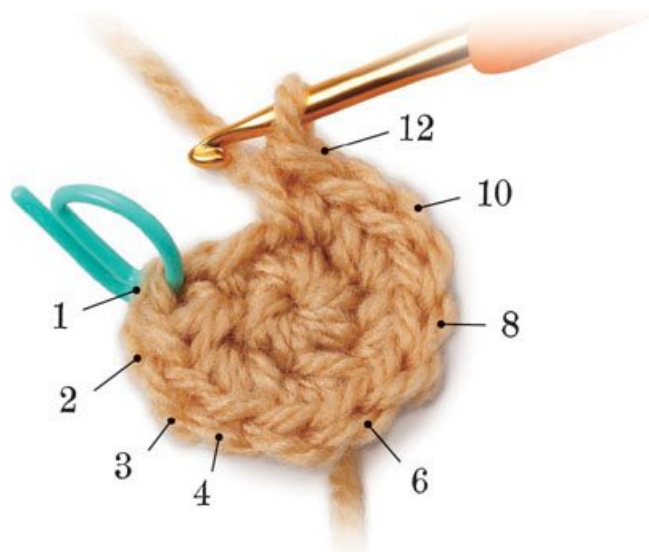
5 The yarn is pulled through. The first single crochet in the second row is now complete.



6 Insert the row-counting ring into the first stitch. This is to mark the first stitch of the second row.



- 7 The yarn is pulled through. Make another single crochet in the same stitch as the one with the row-counting ring. The second single crochet in the same stitch is now complete (one increase).



- 8 Crochet the increase of two stitches into each stitch until the total number of stitches is 12.



- 9 Insert the hook in the stitch with the row-counting ring. Do not crochet in the two stitches marked with *.

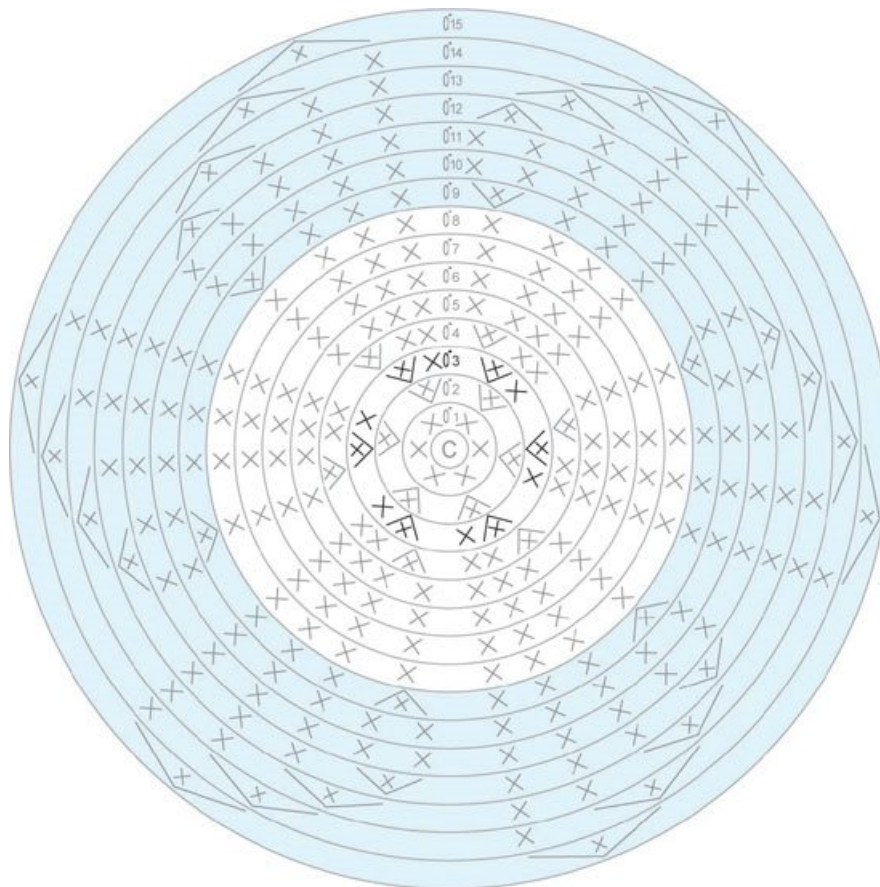


- 10 Insert the hook, hook the yarn, and pull it through.



11 The yarn is pulled through. The second row is now complete.

Crocheting the third row (✕ ✕)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase



1 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



2 The yarn is pulled through. The foundation chain stitches are now complete.



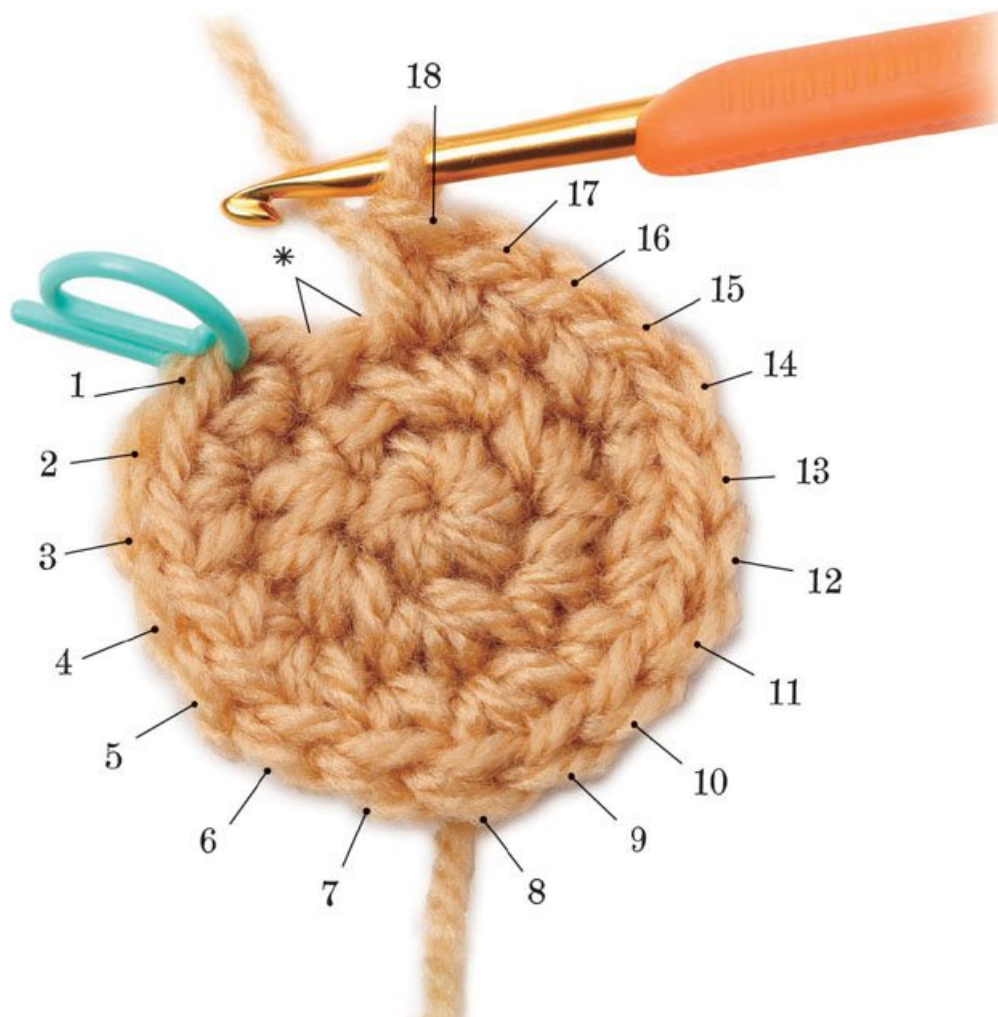
3 Insert the hook in the stitch with the row-counting ring. Hook the yarn, pull it through, and crochet a single crochet.



4 The first single crochet in the third row is now complete.



5 Place the row-counting ring in the first single crochet.



- 6 Crochet 18 single crochets per the crochet chart. Do not crochet in the two stitches marked with *.



7 Insert the crochet hook in the stitch that held with the row-counting ring.
Crochet slip stitch. The third row is now complete.

Size variation



In this book, I am mainly using superfine or fingering yarn and a 2.50 mm crochet hook. The final size of your amigurumi will vary depending on the size of the crochet hook and the weight of the yarn even though you are using the same crochet charts. As you can see above, you can change the size of the character by increasing the weight of the yarn and the size of the hook. The label for the yarn will indicate what size hook will work best for that specific weight.

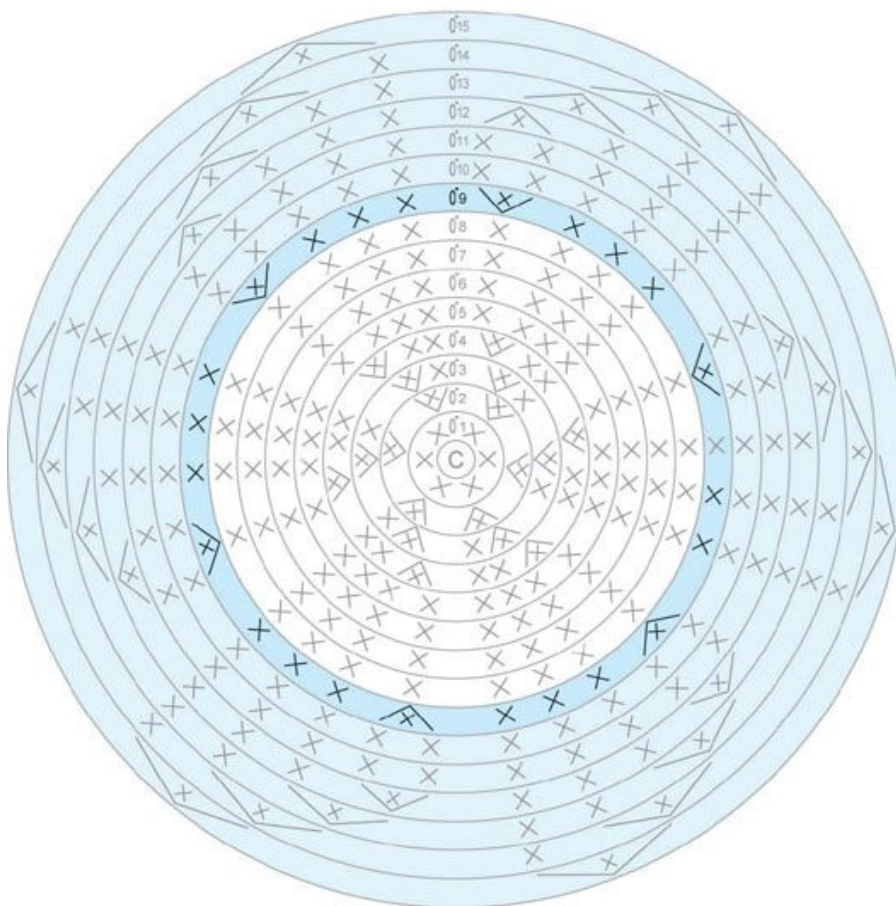
Crochet hook conversion chart

It is becoming more common for manufacturers of knitting needles and crochet hooks to indicate the metric sizes of the needles and hooks, but the numbering system continues to be different in certain countries. Before you start to crochet, confirm the size of your hook using the comparison chart below.

Metric (mm)	UK / Canadian	US
2.00	14	-
2.25	13	B/1
2.50	12	-
2.75	-	C/2
3.00	11	-

3.25	10	D/3
3.50	9	E/4
3.75	-	F/5
4.00	8	G/6
4.50	7	7
5.00	6	H/8
5.50	5	I/9
6.00	4	J/10
6.50	3	K/10.5
7.00	2	-
8.00	0	L/11
9.00	00	M/13
10.00	000	N/15

Changing colors in the ninth row (✕ ✕)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
9	30(+6)	Six stitch increase



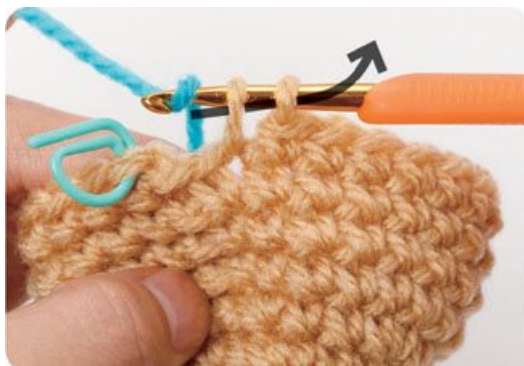
1 Crochet the stitch before the last one or the 23rd stitch in the eighth row.



2 Insert the hook into the next stitch or the 24th stitch, hook the yarn, and pull it through.



3 The yarn is now pulled through.



4 Place the yarn in the new color here. Hook the new yarn and pull it through.



5 The yarn in the new color is now pulled through.



6 Insert the crochet hook in the stitch with the row-counting ring.



7 Crochet the foundation chain stitches.



8 Continue to crochet the foundation chain stitches.



9 Insert the hook in the stitch with the row-counting ring. Crochet the first single crochet.



10 Place the row-counting ring in the first single crochet.



11 Crochet 30 single crochets.



- 12** Insert the hook into the stitch with the row-counting ring. Crochet a slip stitch. The ninth row is now complete.

Embroidering and assembling each body part

- 1** After crocheting the body, the next step is to crochet the other body parts – the beak, the wings, and the tail.



- 2 Thread the remaining yarn of the beak into the needle. Pass it through a few stitches and pull the needle out from two stitches away from the original position.



- 3 Place the beak between the eyes and pass the needle between the stitches of the beak and the body.



- 4 Whip stitch the beak between the eyes.



5 Pass the needle into a stitch on the other side of the body, and fasten it off.



6 The beak is now attached. Next, make the pattern around the beak.



- 7 Thread the yarn into the needle and tie a knot. Pass the needle through the stitch next to one eye. Pass it through the next stitch, near the other eye. Repeat this process once again and pull the yarn through.



- 8 Repeat step 7 again. When starting the step for the third time, pass the needle from a diagonal direction under the eyes to the outside of the body.



9 Just like you did with steps 7 and 8, embroider the patterns under both eyes.



10 The face is now complete.



11 Fold the wings together and whip stitch them to the body.



12 Whip stitch the tail to the body.

The parakeet is now complete.



4 Penguin



By now you have learned most of the methods for creating the body of the characters. In this chapter, you will learn how to crochet the belly of the penguin, changing colors in the middle of a row, and how to crochet the horizontal beak by starting with chain stitches.



Yarn

- Black, 0.21 oz.

- White, 0.12 oz.
- Orange, 0.12 oz.

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the body.
2. Attach the eyes to the body.
3. Attach the beak to the body.
4. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the body. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
5. Fold the wings in two and whip stitch them together.
6. Whip stitch the wings and tail to the body.



Beak—Attach between the fifth and sixth row.

Wings—Attach to the eight row.

Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

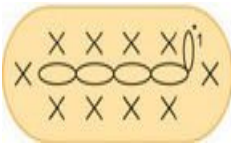
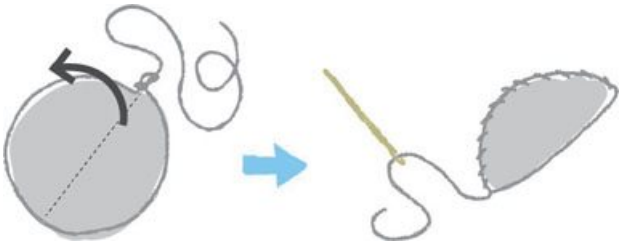
Legs—Attach between the fourteenth and fifteenth rows.



Wings

Wings (two pieces)
Black

Row	Stitches	
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Beak

Beak (one piece)
Orange

Row	Stitches	
1	10	Ten single crochets around four chain stitches

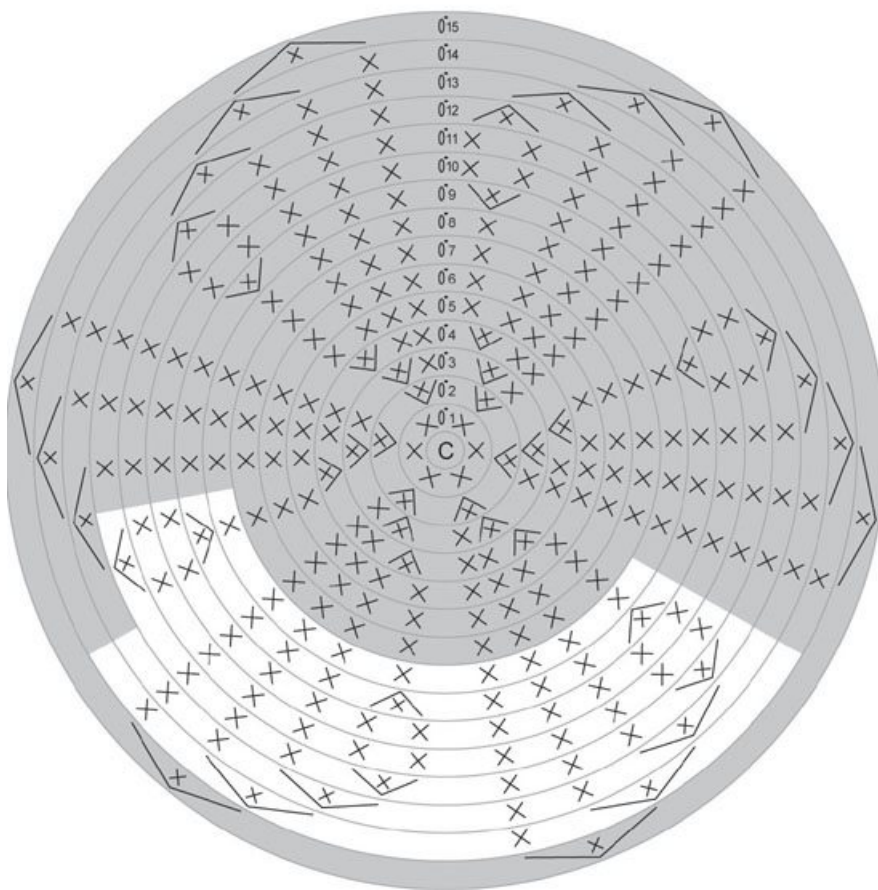
Use the reverse side of the stitches as the front.



Legs

Legs (two pieces)
Orange

Row	Stitches	
2	10(+5)	Six stitch increase
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Head and body

Head and body



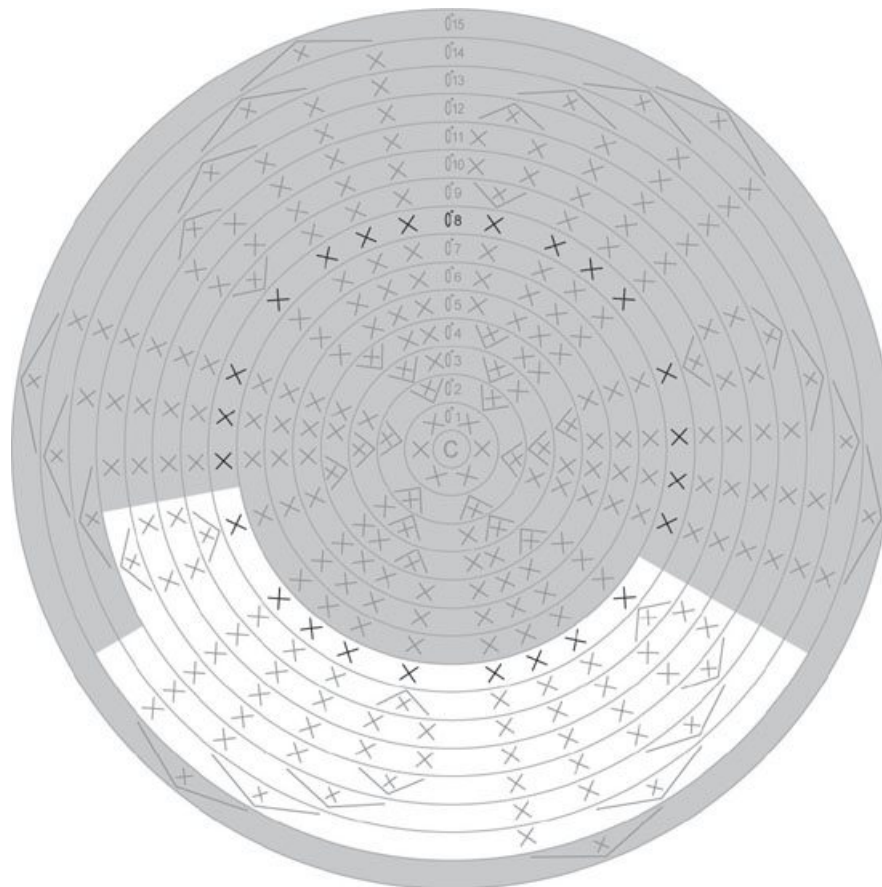
Head and body (one piece)

Black / White

Row	Stitches	
15	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
14	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
13	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
12	24(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	30	No increase or decrease

10	30	No increase or decrease
9	30(+6)	Six stitch increase
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

Changing colors in the middle of the row (x)



Head and body

Row	Stitches	
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase



1 Crochet six single crochets in the eighth row.



2 Insert the hook into the seventh stitch, hook the yarn, and pull it through.



3 Place the yarn in the new color here. Hook the new yarn and pull it through.



- 4 The new yarn is now pulled through. It is recommended to change the color of the yarn to a new one in this way, one stitch before you actually intend to.



- 5 The first stitch after changing the color of the yarn is now complete.



6 Crochet eight stitches in the new color.



7 Change the color back to the first color.



8 The first single crochet in the original color is complete.



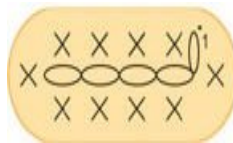
9 The eighth row is now complete.



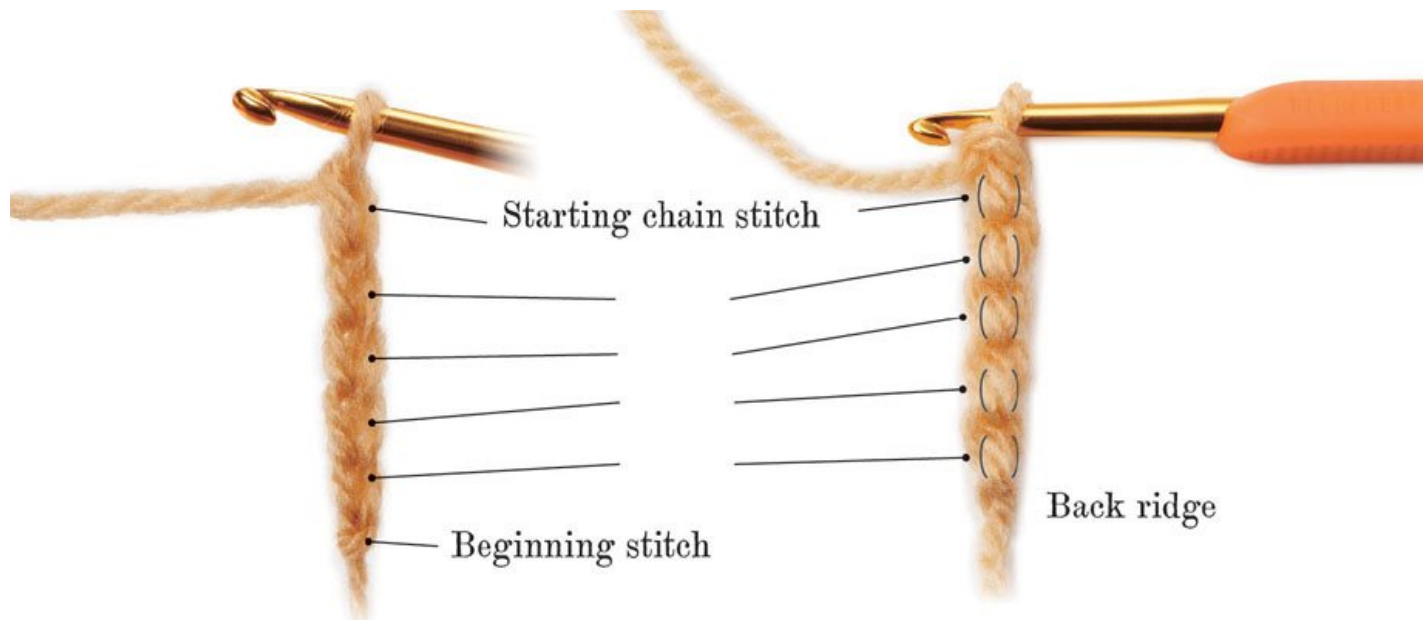
10 Make stitches while changing the color of the yarn per the crochet charts. Note that the ends of the yarn are running across the backside of the crocheted rows. Give ample length for the ends of the yarn so that the body keeps its shape.



Crocheting the beak (x)



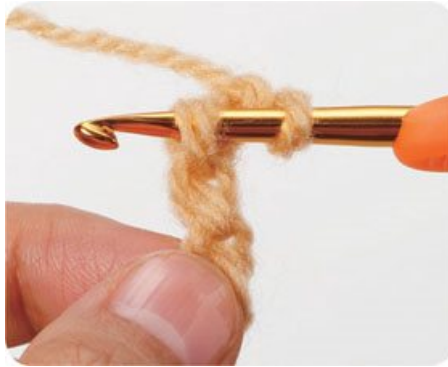
Beak



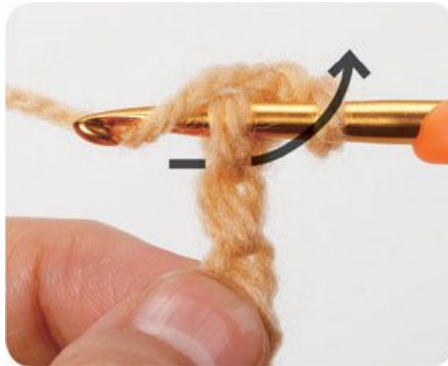
- 1 Crochet the foundation chain stitches per the chicken's crest. Crochet five total stitches, including the foundation chain stitch.
- 2 The photo above shows the backside of the crocheted row. The center line is the back ridge. Insert the hook under the back ridge and crochet single crochets.



- 3 Number 4 in step 2 is the starting point for the single crochet. Insert the hook into number 4.



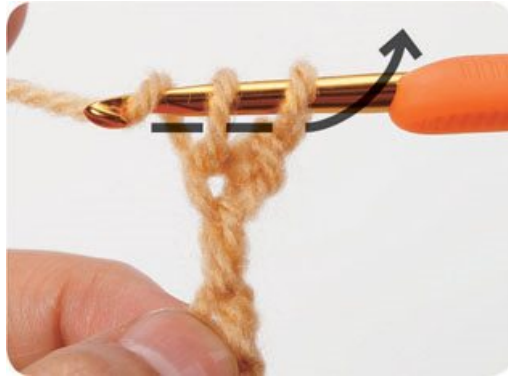
4 The hook is now inserted.



5 Hook the yarn and pull it through.



6 The yarn is pulled through.



7 Hook the yarn once again and pull it through.



8 The first stitch of the single crochet is now complete.



- 9 Insert the row-counting ring in the single crochet. This marks the first stitch in the first row.



- 10 Crochet three more single crochets. Four stitches in total are now complete.



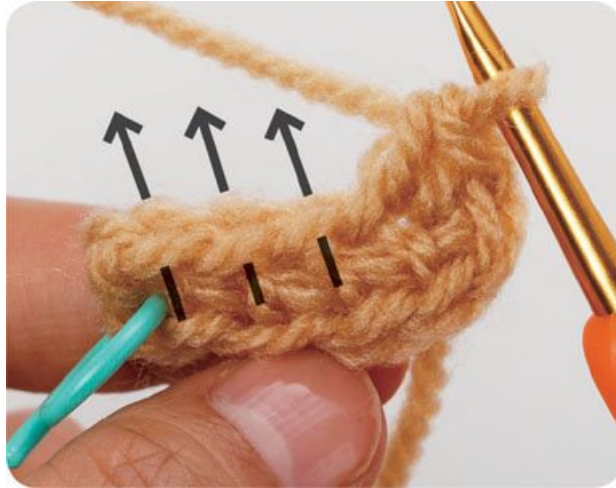
- 11 Crochet one more single crochet into the same stitch (as shown with the arrow above).



12 The single crochet is now complete.



13 Crochet one more single crochet in the same stitch. Three stitches in total are complete.



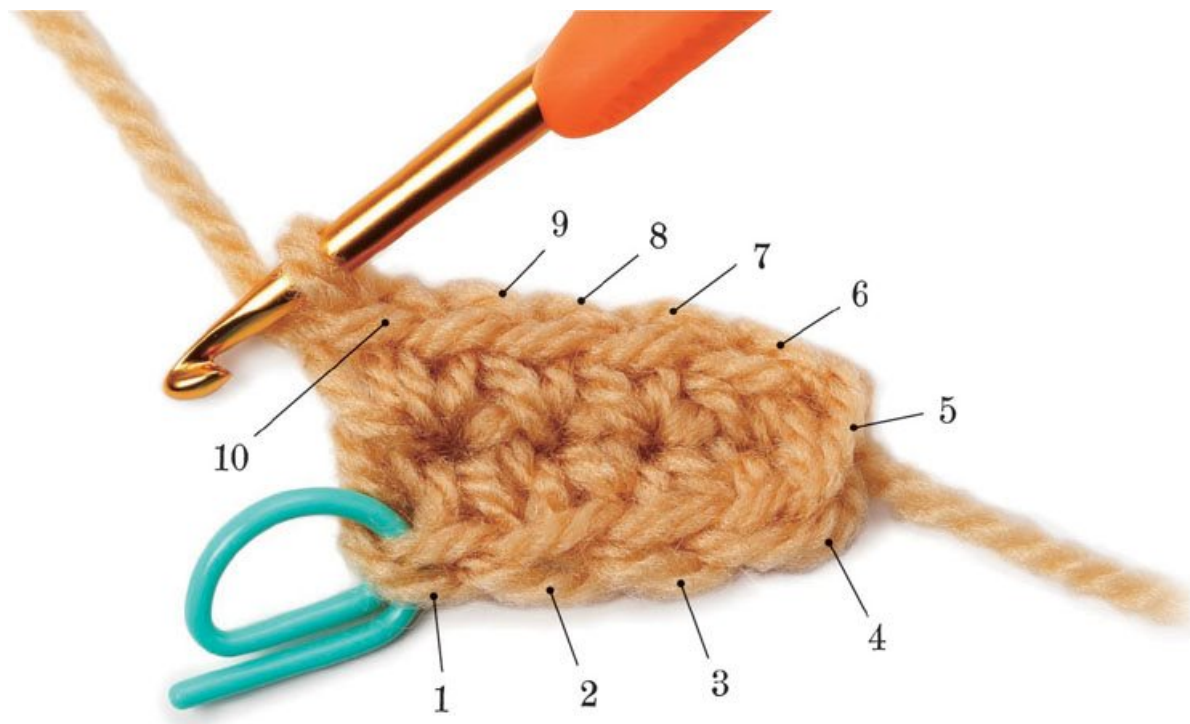
14 Start single crochets from the nearest stitch. Make sure to insert the hook into the corresponding chain stitches.



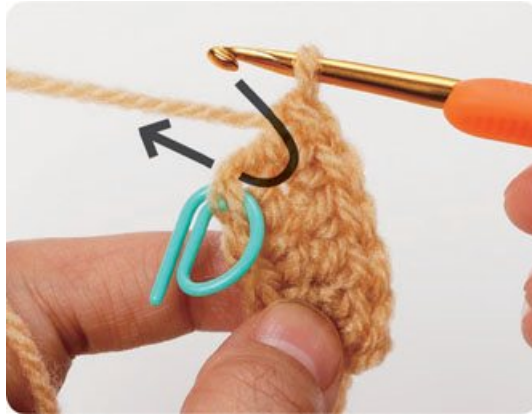
15 The single crochet stitches are now complete.



16 Crochet a single crochet in the same stitch as shown with the arrow above.



17 Make sure there are 10 stitches.



18 Pass the hook into the stitch with the row-counting ring.



19 Crochet a slip stitch.



20 The beak is now complete.

Attaching the beak, the wings, and the legs

- 1 Crochet the wings and legs per the crochet chart. Attach the eyes to the body.



- 2 Thread the beginning of the yarn into the hole of the needle. Pass the needle from the front to the back.



- 3 Pass the needle through a few stitches and cut the yarn off.



- 4 Thread the last part of the yarn into the hole of the needle. Pass the needle from the back to right above the beak.



- 5 Attach the beak to the body with whip stitches.



6 The beak is now attached to the body.



7 Fold the wings in two and whip stitch to the body, as you did with the ones for the chicken.



8 Whip stitch the legs to the body.

The penguin is complete.



Embroidering the mouth and attaching the nose



The way to embroider the mouth, attach the nose, and whip stitch the crocheted mouth to the head are the same for the bear, the rabbit, the panda, and the mouse.





- 1 The mouth is embroidered on the reverse side. For that reason, it is best to cut off the beginning length of yarn. Thread the embroidery floss into the needle and tie a knot in the end. Pick up a few of the crocheted stitches with the needle.



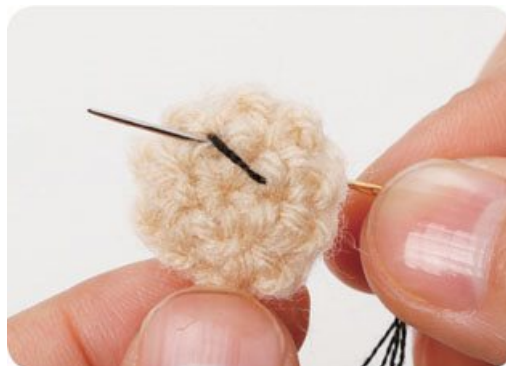
- 2 Pull the embroidery floss as shown. Split it and insert the needle in between the split floss. Pull the floss through. This way, the floss holds well.



3 Pass the needle from the back to the front.



4 This is the starting point of the embroidery. Pass the needle from the front to the back, and pull the embroidery floss through.



5 Repeat step 4. Make sure to insert at the same position as in step 4.



6 Pass the needle from the back to the front, and embroider the other side of the mouth, too.



7 The embroidery on both sides is now complete.



8 Work the needle through a few front stitches.



9 Wrap the embroidery floss around the needle a few times and pull the needle through to make a knot.



10 Apply glue to the stem of the nose and insert it above the center of the mouth.



11 The nose is now attached.



12 Cut the extra part of the stem with a pair of nippers.



Attaching the head and the body



Stuff the cotton into the head and tighten the hole of the head. Whip stitch the head to the body.

Making the shell of the tortoise (x)



1 The shell is now complete.



2 Fold the shell at the eighth row.



3 Stuff the cotton into the shell and place the reverse side of the bottom of the shell on the tortoise.



- 4 Thread the end of the yarn into the needle, and whip stitch the bottom to the top of the shell.

Taking a break

You don't have to hold your breath even if you are working on a rather complicated project (though the ones in this book do not include complex techniques). Relax and take a break when you need to. Just place what you have crocheted, along with the hook and yarn, on the table. There is no need to worry about unraveling your work, unless you handle it rather violently.

Keeping characters upright

The heads of many of my amigurumi characters are usually bigger than the bodies. In some instances the finished character may tip over. To keep the character upright, embed a marble, nut, or pellet in the cotton when it is stuffed into the body.

Various sizes of finished work

Do you know why the size of the same character can vary from person to person? This happens because how tight someone pulls the yarn when they are crocheting is different for everyone. In general, the tighter you pull the yarn, the smaller the size of the finished character. There are no rules on how tight you should pull the yarn, but if you want a neater finish to your characters, pull the yarn a little tighter. It helps to hide the cotton that is stuffed inside, too.

5 Tortoise



The tortoise's head should be made like the chick's. Note that the shell first requires embroidered patterns before assembling to the belly.

Yarn

- A. • Light yellow, 0.12 oz.
 - Light green, 0.14 oz.
 - Green, 0.07 oz.
- B. • Light yellow, 0.12 oz.
 - Light blue, 0.14 oz.
 - Blue, 0.07 oz.
- C. • Light yellow, 0.12 oz.
 - Light pink, 0.14 oz.
 - Pink, 0.07 oz.

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part.
2. Embroider the patterns on the shell. Then turn the shell inside out at the eighth row.
3. Stuff the cotton into the body and shell.
4. Attach the eyes to the head. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
5. Place the belly on the shell and whip stitch both components together.
6. Whip stitch the head to the shell.
7. Whip stitch the legs and tail to the belly.



Tail—Make two stitches between the leg and the tail.

Legs—Make three stitches between both legs.

B.



Head—Attach between the fourth and seventh rows of the shell.

Eyes—Attach to the fifth row (leave four stitches between the eyes.)

C.



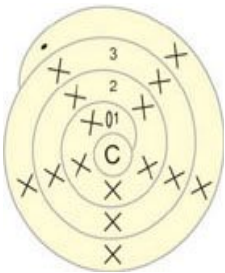
Patterns 1–4—Make four lines from points in the third row to other points in the third row.



Legs

Legs (four pieces)
Light yellow

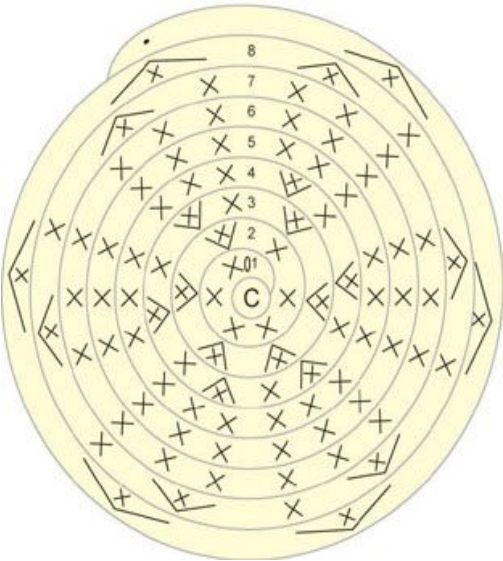
Row		Stitches
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1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Tail

Tail (two pieces)
Light yellow

Row	Stitches	
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop

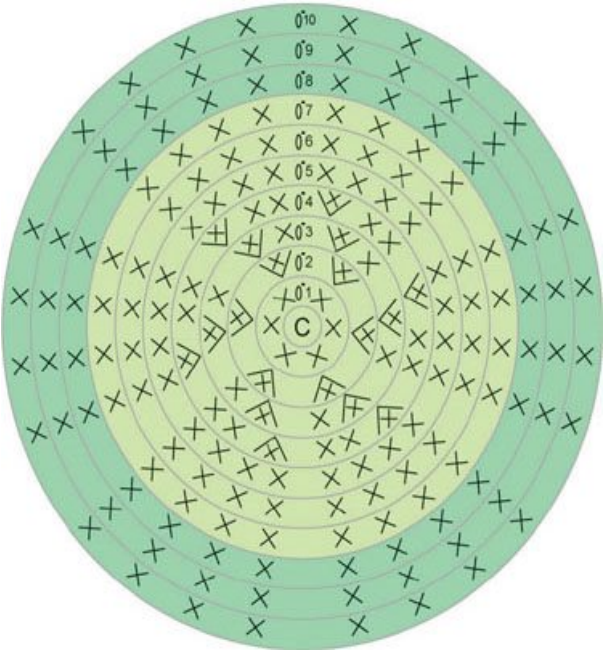


Head

Head (one piece)
Light yellow



Row	Stitches	
8	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
7	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
6	18	No increase or decrease
5	18	No increase or decrease
4	18	No increase or decrease
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

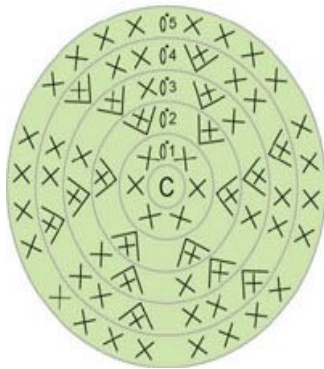


Shell

- Shell** (one piece)
- A.** Light green / Green
 - B.** Light blue / Blue
 - C.** Light pink / Pink

Row	Stitches	
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10	24	No increase or decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Belly

Belly (one piece)

- A.** Light green
- B.** Light blue
- C.** Light pink

Row	Stitches	
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase

2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

6 Frog and Tadpole



The frog's head and body require changing colors in the middle of the row, though doing so without a starting chain.

Yarn

- A. • Yellow green, 0.21 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.
 - Red, a little
- B. • Green, 0.21 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.
 - Yellow, a little
- C. • Deep green, 0.21 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.
 - Red, a little
- D. • Old green, 0.21 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.
 - Yellow, a little

Tool

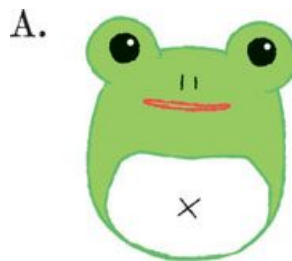
- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the body.
2. Attach the eyes to the eye sockets and whip stitch to the body.
3. Embroider the nose, mouth, and navel on the body.
4. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the body. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.



Eyes— Attach to the second row of each eye socket.

B.



Mouth—Five stitches of embroidery in the fourth row.

C.



Navel—Embroider between the eighth and ninth rows.

D.



Nose—Embroider between the second and third rows.

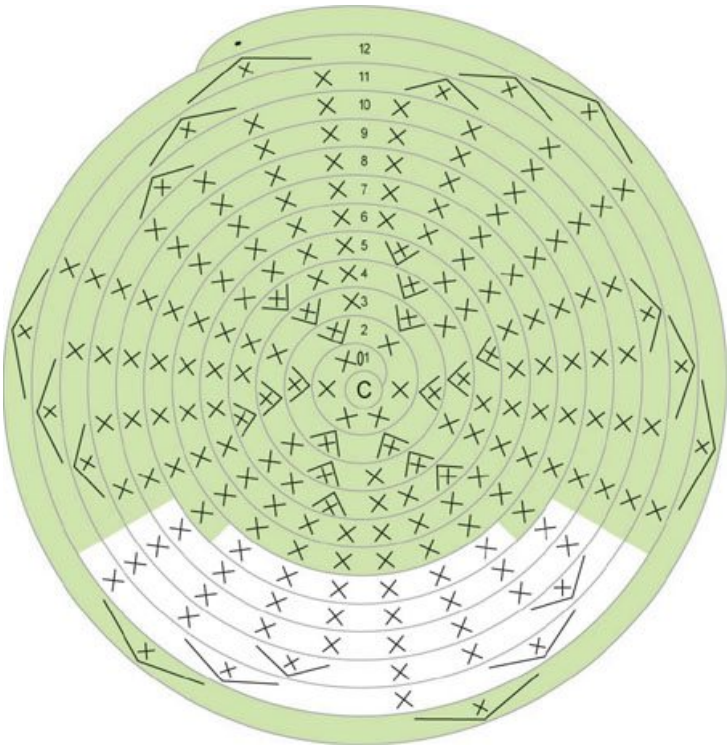


Eye sockets

Eye sockets (two pieces)

- A. Yellow green
- B. Green
- C. Deep green
- D. Old green

Row	Stitches	
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Head and body

Head and body (one piece)

- A. Yellow green / White
- B. Green / White
- C. Deep green / White
- D. Old green / White

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

Tadpole

Yarn

- Black, 0.07 oz.

Tool

- 2.25 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two transparent gold eyes, 0.18 in. each

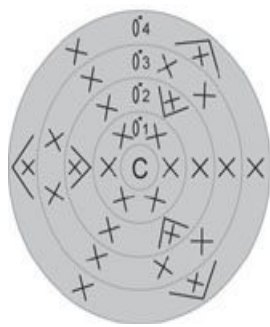
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet the body.
2. Stuff the cotton into the body. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
3. Pull the remaining yarn from the back and cut it at an appropriate length. This is the tail of the tadpole.
4. Attach the eyes to the body.



Eyes—Attach to the second row (leave two stitches between the eyes.)



Tadpole

Tadpole (one piece)
Black

Row	Stitches	
4	6(-3)	Three stitch decrease
3	9	No increase or decrease

2	9(+3)	Three stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

7 Bear



The bear's crochet chart is the master for the rabbit, the panda, the mouse, and the pig. Once you complete your first bear, the other animals are easy to make with a few differences.

Yarn

- A. • Brown, 0.32 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.
- B. • Orange brown, 0.32 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- One solid black nose, 0.35 in.
- Double strands of black embroidery floss
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the head before starting the last row.
2. Attach the eyes to the head.
3. Embroider the mouth on the reverse side of the crocheted mouth, and attach the nose.
4. Whip stitch the mouth and ears to the head.
5. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the head. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
6. Stuff the cotton into the body. Whip stitch the body to the head.
7. Whip stitch the hands, legs, and tail to the body. Note that cotton should not be stuffed into these body parts.



A.



Ears—Attach between the second and fifth rows.

Mouth—Four stitches of embroidery in the sixth row.

Tail—Attach between the second and fourth rows.

B.



Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

Hands—Attach to the ninth row.

Legs—Attach between the second and third rows.



Mouth

Mouth (one piece)

White

Row	Stitches	
2	9(+3)	Three stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

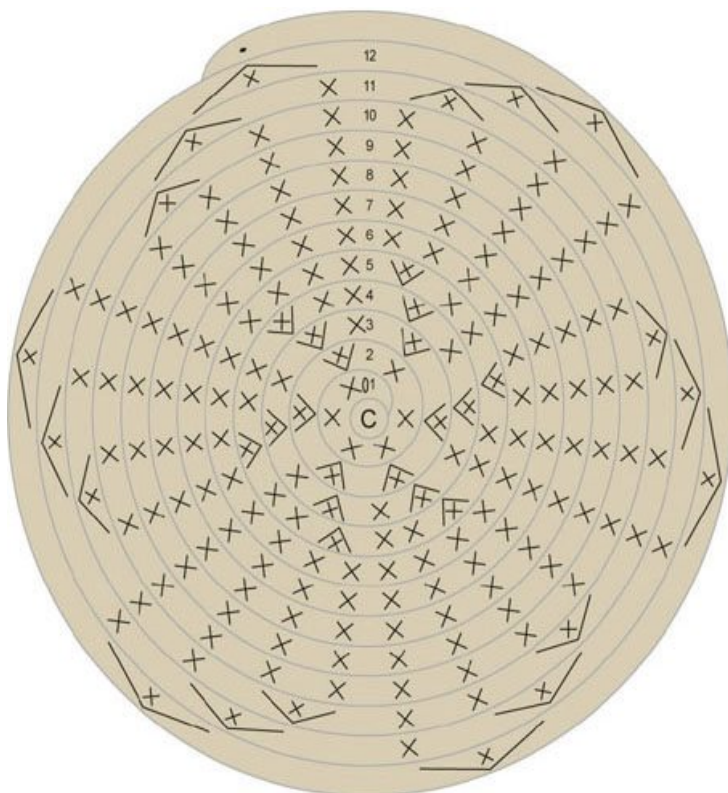
Use the reverse side of the stitches as the front.



Tail

Tail (one piece)
A. Brown **B.** Orange brown

Row	Stitches	
2	6	No increase or decrease
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



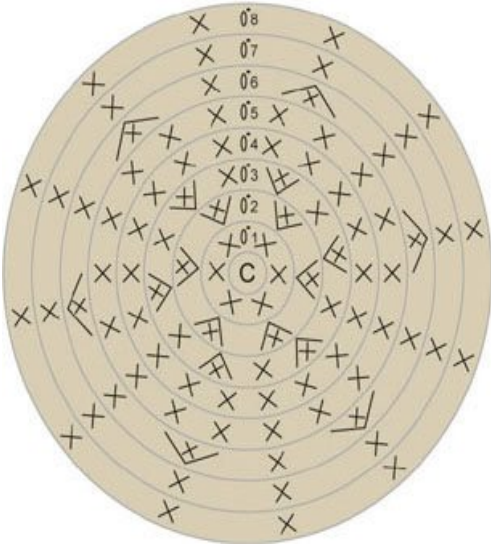
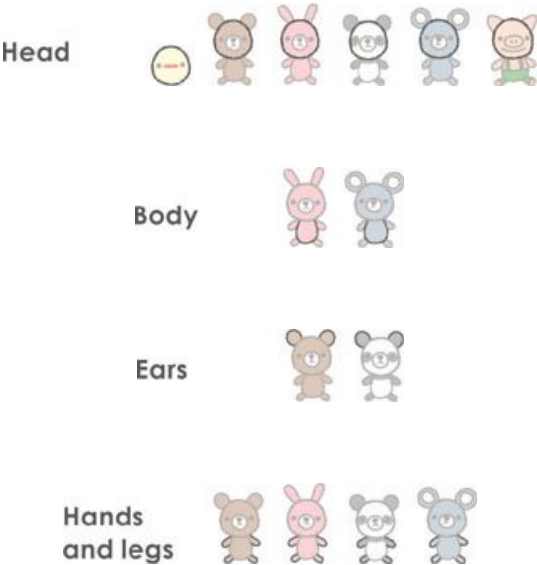
Head

Head (one piece)

A. Brown **B.** Orange brown

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase

3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Body

Body (one piece)
A. Brown **B.** Orange brown

Row	Stitches	
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

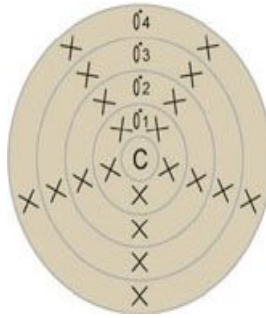


Ears

Ears (two piece)

A. Brown **B.** Orange brown

Row	Stitches	
4	10	No increase or decrease
3	10	No increase or decrease
2	10(+5)	Five stitch increase
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Hands and legs

Hands and legs (four pieces)

A. Brown **B.** Orange brown

Row	Stitches	
4	5	No increase or decrease
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop

8 Rabbit



The only difference between the bear and the rabbit is the shape of the ears. Refer to the rabbit's crochet chart and confirm the number of the rows corresponding to the longer ear. Note that the position for attaching the ears is slightly more center than for the bear.

Yarn

- A. • Pink, 0.32 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.
- B. • Dark pink, 0.32 oz.
 - White, 0.07 oz.

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

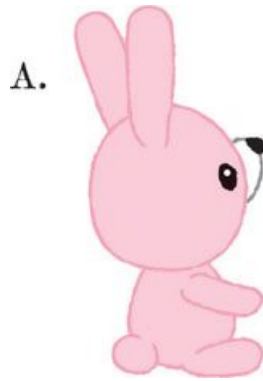
Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- One solid black nose, 0.35 in.
- Double strands of black embroidery floss
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the head before starting the last row.
2. Attach the eyes to the head.
3. Embroider the mouth on the reverse side of the crocheted mouth and attach the nose.
4. Whip stitch of the mouth and ears to the head.
5. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the head. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
6. Stuff the cotton into the body. Whip stitch the body to the head.
7. Whip stitch the hands, legs, and tail to the body. Note that cotton should not be stuffed into these body parts.





Ears—Attach the front to the third row in the center of the head.

Mouth—Four stitches of embroidery in the sixth row.

Tail—Attach between the second and fourth rows.



Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

Hands—Attach to the ninth rows.

Legs—Attach between the second and third rows.



Mouth

Mouth (one piece)

White

Row	Stitches	
2	9(+3)	Three stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

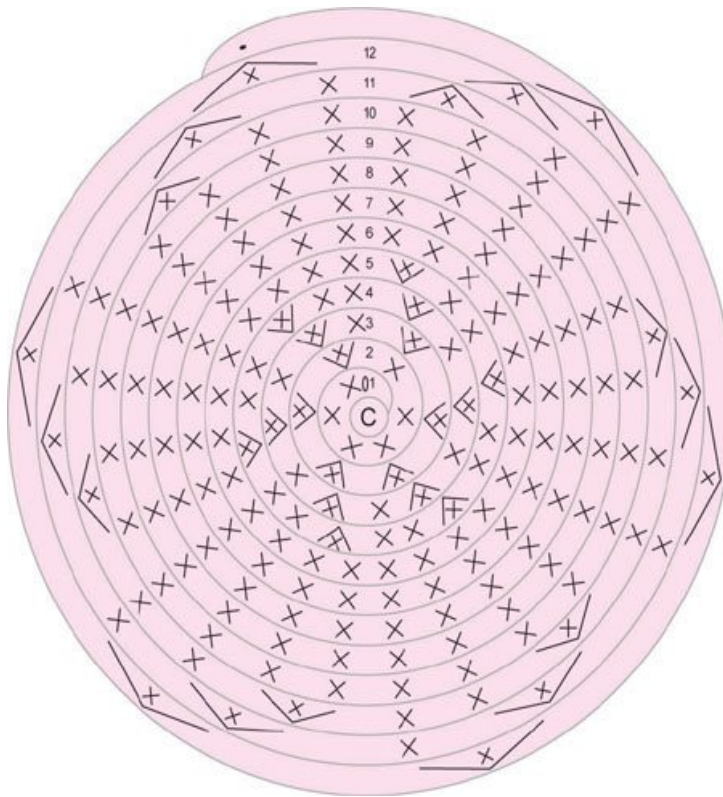
Use the reverse side of the stitches as the front.



Tail

Tail (one piece)
A. Pink **B.** Dark pink

Row	Stitches	
2	6	No increase or decrease
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



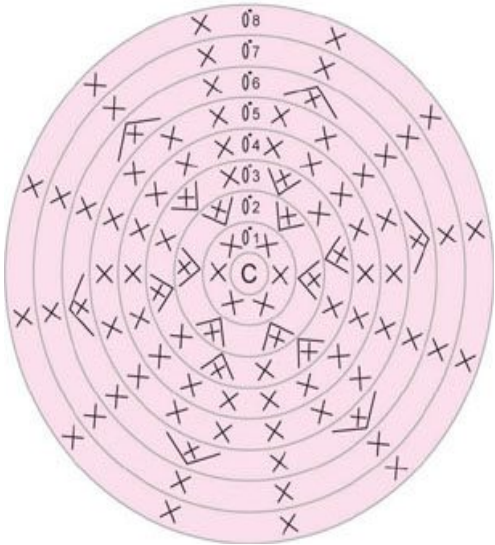
Head

Head (one piece)

A. Pink **B.** Dark pink

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase

3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Body

Body (one piece)
A. Pink **B.** Dark pink

Row	Stitches	
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

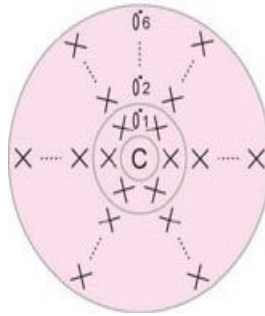
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Body



Hands
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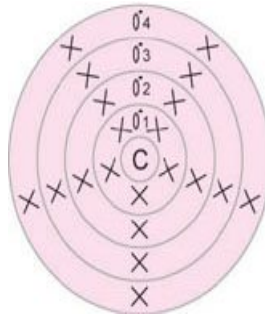


Ears

Ears (two pieces)

A. Pink **B.** Dark pink

Row	Stitches	
4	10	No increase or decrease
3	10	No increase or decrease
2	10(+5)	Five stitch increase
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Hands and legs

Hands and legs (four pieces)

A. Pink **B.** Dark pink

Row	Stitches	
4	5	No increase or decrease
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop

9 Panda



The way to change the colors on the panda's body from white to black, or visa versa is the same as changing the colors on the head and body of the parakeet. Note that you can use the same crochet chart for both the adult and child panda. Simply crochet the child panda by changing the yarn and the crochet hook to smaller sizes.

Yarn

Adult

- White, 0.25 oz.
- Black, 0.18 oz.

Child

- White, 0.18 oz.
- Black, 0.12 oz.

Tools

Adult

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Child

- 2.25 mm crochet hook

Accessories

Adult

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- One solid black nose, 0.35 in.

Child

- Two solid black eyes, 0.18 in. each
- One solid black nose, 0.18 in.

- Double strands of black embroidery floss
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the head before starting the last row.
2. Attach the eyes to the reverse side of the black crocheted eye sockets. Whip stitch the eye sockets to the head.
3. Embroider the mouth on the reverse side of the crocheted mouth, and attach the nose.
4. Whip stitch the mouth and ears to the head.
5. Stuff the rest of the cotton into to the head. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
6. Stuff the cotton into the body. Whip stitch the body to the head.
7. Whip stitch the hands, legs, and tail to the body. Note the that cotton should not be stuffed into these body parts.



Ears—Attach between the second and fifth rows.

Mouth—Four stitches of embroidery in the sixth row.

Tail—Attach between the second and fourth rows.



Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

Eye sockets—Attach between the fifth and eighth rows.

Hands—Attach to the ninth row.

Legs—Attach between the second and third rows.



Eye sockets

Eye sockets (two pieces)

Black

Row	Stitches	
1	5	Eight single crochets around two chain stitches



Mouth

Mouth (one piece)
White

Row	Stitches	
2	9(+3)	Three stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

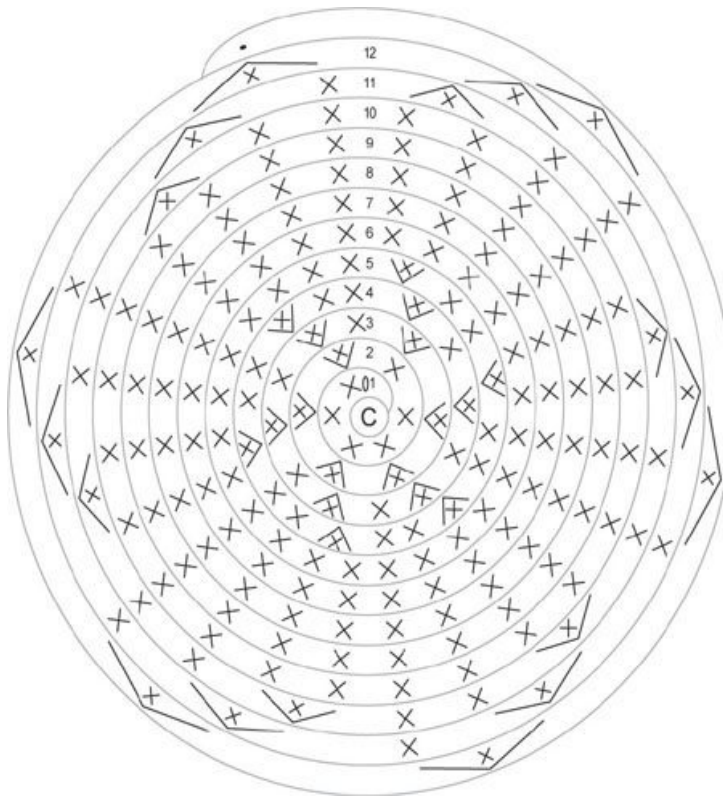
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Tail

Tail (one piece)
White

Row	Stitches	
2	6	No increase or decrease
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

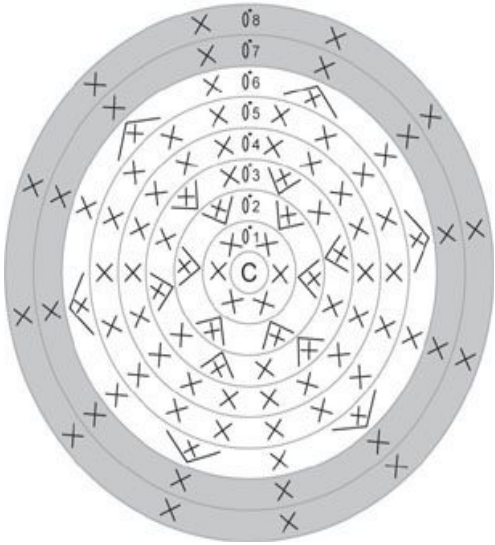


Head

Head (one piece)
White

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase

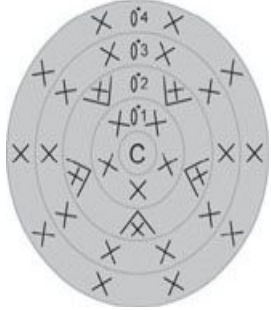
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Body

Body (one piece)
Black / White

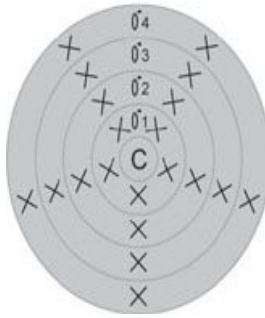
Row	Stitches	
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Ears

Ears (two pieces)
Black

Row	Stitches	
4	10	No increase or decrease
3	10	No increase or decrease
2	10(+5)	Five stitch increase
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Hands and legs

Hands and legs (four pieces)

Black

Row	Stitches	
4	5	No increase or decrease
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop

10 Mouse



The way to change the colors of the ears for the mouse is the same as changing the colors on the head and body of the parakeet. Note that the mouse's tiny tail is made with slip stitches on chain stitches.

Yarn

- A. • Gray, 0.32 oz.
 - White, 0.12 oz.
- B. • Blue gray, 0.32 oz.
 - White, 0.12 oz.

Tool

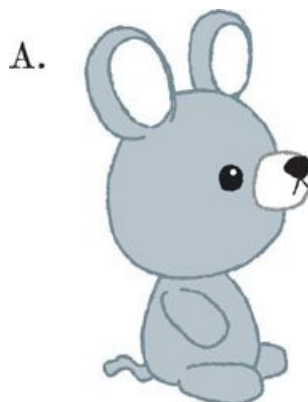
- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

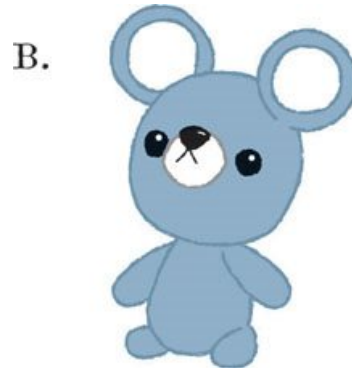
- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- One solid black nose, 0.35 in.
- Double strands of black embroidery floss
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

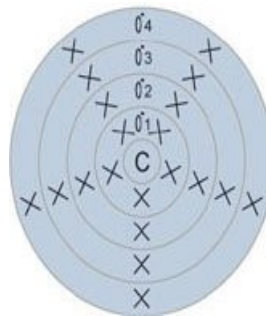
1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the head before starting the last row.
2. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row of the ears. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
3. Attach the eyes to the head.
4. Embroider the mouth on the reverse side of the crocheted mouth, and attach the nose.
5. Whip stitch the mouth and ears to the head.
6. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the head. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
7. Stuff the cotton into the body. Whip stitch the body to the head.
8. Whip stitch the hands, legs, and tail to the body. Note that cotton should not be stuffed into these body parts.



Ears—Attach between the second and fifth rows.
Mouth—Four stitches of embroidery in the sixth row.
Tail—Attach to the second row.



Eyes—Attach to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)
Legs—Attach between the second and third rows.
Hands—Attach to the ninth row.

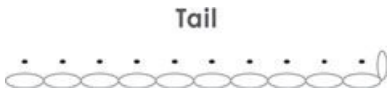


Hands and legs

Hands and legs (four pieces)
A. Gray **B.** Blue gray

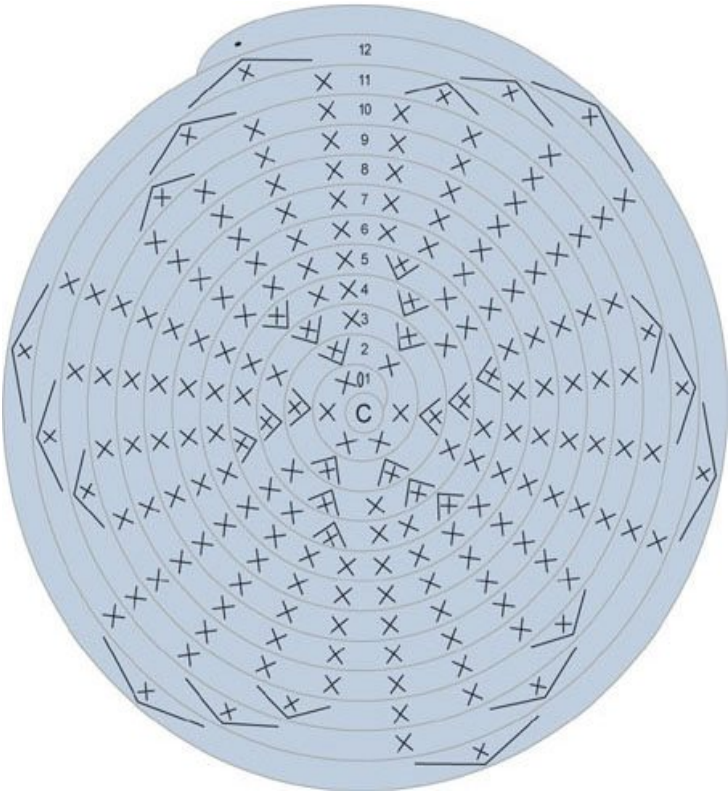
Row	Stitches	
4	5	No increase or decrease
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease

1	5	Single crochet in the loop
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Tail (one piece)
A. Gray **B.** Blue gray

Row	Stitches	
1	10	Ten slip stitches on the ten chain stitches



Head

Head (one piece)
A. Gray **B.** Blue gray

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Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease
9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

Hands
and legs

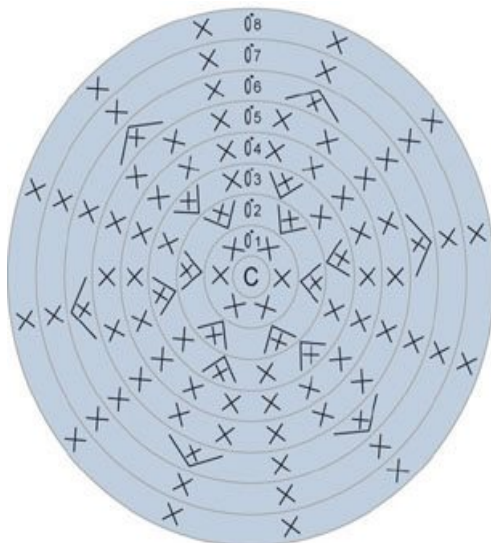


Head



Mouth



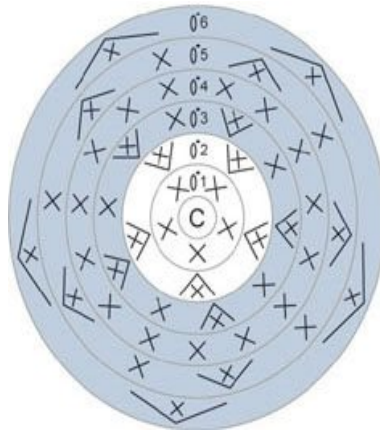


Body

Body (one piece)

A. Gray **B.** Blue gray

Row	Stitches	
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



Ears

Ears (two pieces)

A. Gray / White **B.** Blue gray / White

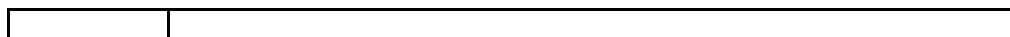
Row	Stitches	
6	5(-5)	Five stitch decrease
5	10(-5)	Five stitch decrease
4	10	No increase or decrease
3	10	No increase or decrease
2	10(+5)	Five stitch increase
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Mouth

Mouth (one piece)

White



Row	Stitches	
2	9(+3)	Three stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

Use the reverse side of the stitches as the front.

11 Pig



The way to change the colors of the pants for the pig is the same as changing the colors on the head and body of the parakeet. The pig's nose can be crocheted by referring to the beak for the penguin.

Yarn

- A. • Peach, 0.25 oz.
 - Light blue, 0.14 oz.
 - White 0.12 oz.
- B. • Peach, 0.25 oz.
 - Red, 0.14 oz.
 - White 0.12 oz.
- C. • Peach, 0.25 oz.
 - Yellow green, 0.14 oz.
 - White 0.12 oz.

Tool

- 2.50 mm crochet hook

Accessories

- Two solid black eyes, 0.24 in. each
- Double strands of black embroidery floss
- Synthetic cotton

Step-by-step Techniques

1. Crochet each body part. Stuff about 80% of the cotton into the head before starting the last row.
2. Attach the eyes to the head.
3. Embroider the nose on the reverse side of the crocheted nose. Whip stitch the nose to the head.
4. Embroider the mouth on the head.
5. Stuff the rest of the cotton into the head. Pass the remaining yarn through the last row. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten it and close it off.
6. Stuff the cotton into the body. Attach the belt at the fifth row of the body. Whip stitch the body to the head.
7. Whip stitch the hands and legs to the body. Note that cotton should not be stuffed into these body parts.
8. Attach the belt and the suspenders to the body.

A.

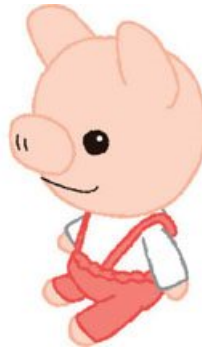


Eyes—Attached to the sixth row (leave six stitches between the eyes.)

Ears—Attach between the second and fifth rows.

Mouth—Embroider along the eighth row.

B.



Nose—Attach between the fifth and seventh rows.

Suspender—Attach the bottom of both sides to the fifth row.

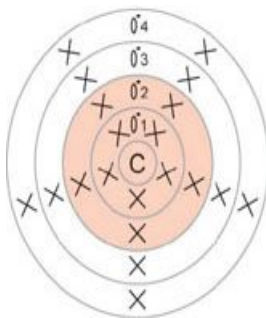
Belt—Attach along the fifth row.

C.



Hands—Attach to the ninth row.

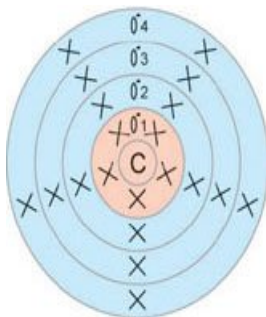
Legs— Attach between second and third rows.



Hands

Hands (two pieces)
Peach / White

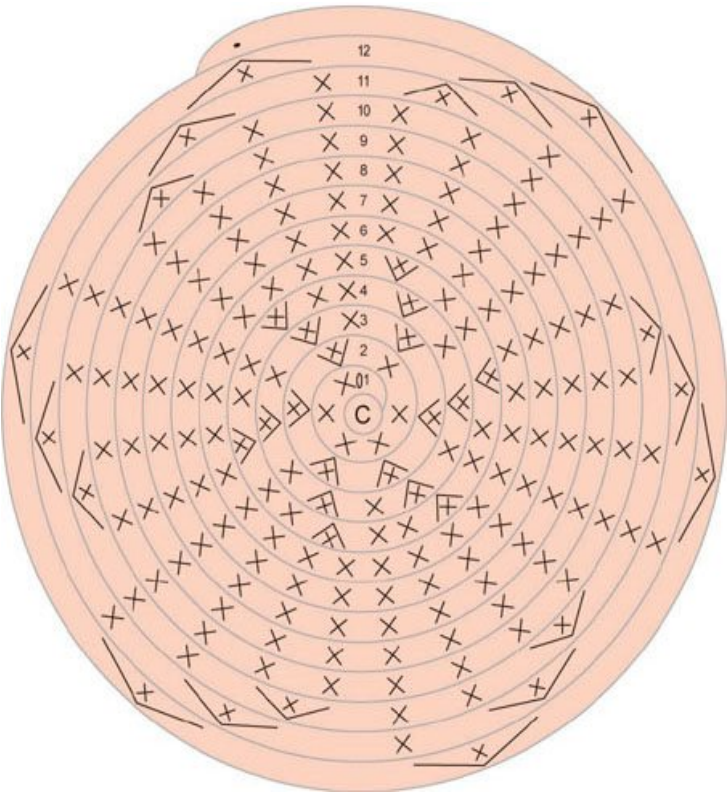
Row		Stitches
4	5	No increase or decrease
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Legs

Legs (four pieces)
A. Peach / Blue
B. Peach / Red
C. Peach / Yellow green

Row	Stitches	
4	5	No increase or decrease
3	5	No increase or decrease
2	5	No increase or decrease
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



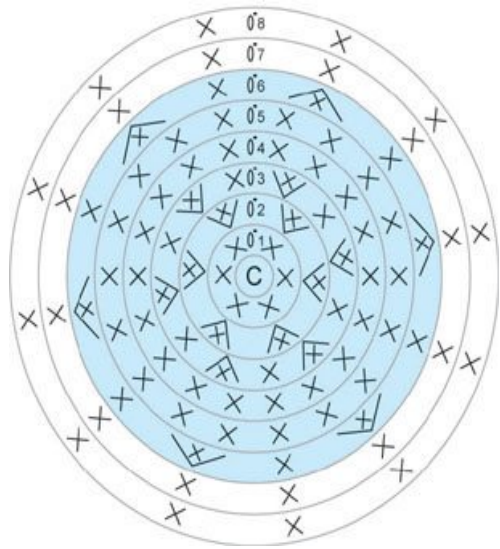
Head

Head (one piece)
Peach

Row	Stitches	
12	6(-6)	Six stitch decrease
11	12(-6)	Six stitch decrease
10	18(-6)	Six stitch decrease

9	24	No increase or decrease
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop

Head



Body

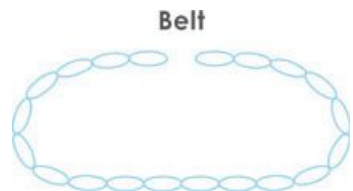
Body (one piece)

A. Blue / White

B. Red / White

C. Yellow green / White

Row	Stitches	
8	24	No increase or decrease
7	24	No increase or decrease
6	24	No increase or decrease
5	24	No increase or decrease
4	24(+6)	Six stitch increase
3	18(+6)	Six stitch increase
2	12(+6)	Six stitch increase
1	6	Single crochet in the loop



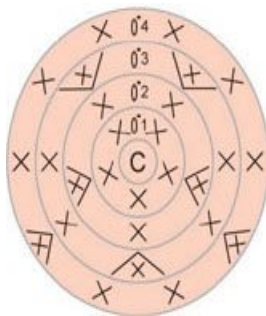
Belt (one piece)
A. Blue **B.** Red **C.** Yellow green

Row	Stitches	
1	10	Twenty chain stitches



Suspenders (two pieces)
A. Blue **B.** Red **C.** Yellow green

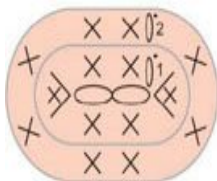
Row	Stitches	
1	10	Ten chain stitches



Ears

Ears (two pieces)
Black

Row	Stitches	
4	12(+2)	Two stitch increase
3	10(+3)	Three stitch increase
2	7(+2)	Seven stitch increase
1	5	Single crochet in the loop



Nose

Nose (one piece)
Peach

Row	Stitches	
2	8	No increase or decrease
1	8	Eight single crochets around the two chain stitches

Use the reverse side of the stitches as the front.

From the Author



In this latest book of mine, *Super Easy Amigurumi*, I will show you a fun approach to this already very popular craft. The full-color photographs show you how to crochet characters step-by-step. Following these instructions carefully will make crocheting the characters “super easy.”

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Let's discover together how your creative mind will develop the joy and wonder of this beloved craftwork—amigurumi.

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